

# Norwalk by Selleck

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## THE FOUNDERS' STONE

The Founders' Stone with the following inscription,  
together with a list of the thirty-one first settlers of Norwalk.

IN MEMORY OF THE FIRST SETTLERS OF NORWALK 1649

"A sensible, serviceable and a forcible purpose folk."

ABBITT, GEORGE

BEACHHAM, ROBERT

BECKWITH, STEPHEN

BOWTON, JOHN

CAMPFIELD, MATHEW

ELI, NATHANIEL

FITCH, THOMAS

GRIGGORIE, JOHN

HALES, SAMUEL

HALES, THOMAS

HAIT<sup>E</sup>S, WALTER

HAIES, NATHANIEL

HANFORD, THOMAS, REV.

HOMES, RICHARD

KEILER, RALPH

KELLOGGE, DANIEL

LUPTON, THOMAS

MARVIN, MATHEW, SEN.

MARVIN, MATHEW, JR.

MORE, ISAAKE

MARSH, JONATHAN

MORGAN, WIDOW

OLMSTEAD, RICHARD

RICHARDS, NATHANIEL

RUSKOE, JOHN

SENTION, MATTHAIAS

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SENTION, MATHEW

SEAMER, THOMAS

WEBB, RICHARD

KEILER, WALTER





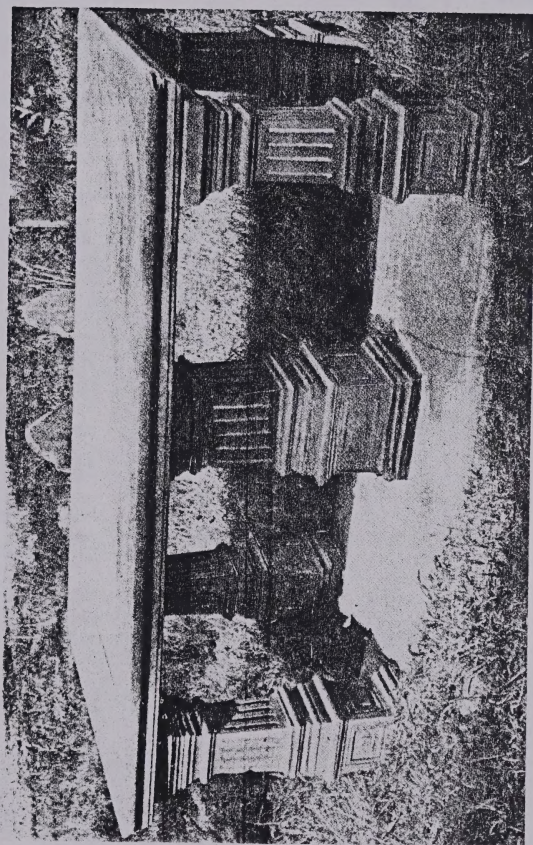


TABLE TOMB OF GOVERNOR THOMAS FITCH -- See 382







JAMES FITCH III, Soldier American Revolution — See 387  
 SAMUEL MARVIN, Soldier French and Indian and American Revolution Wars — See 386





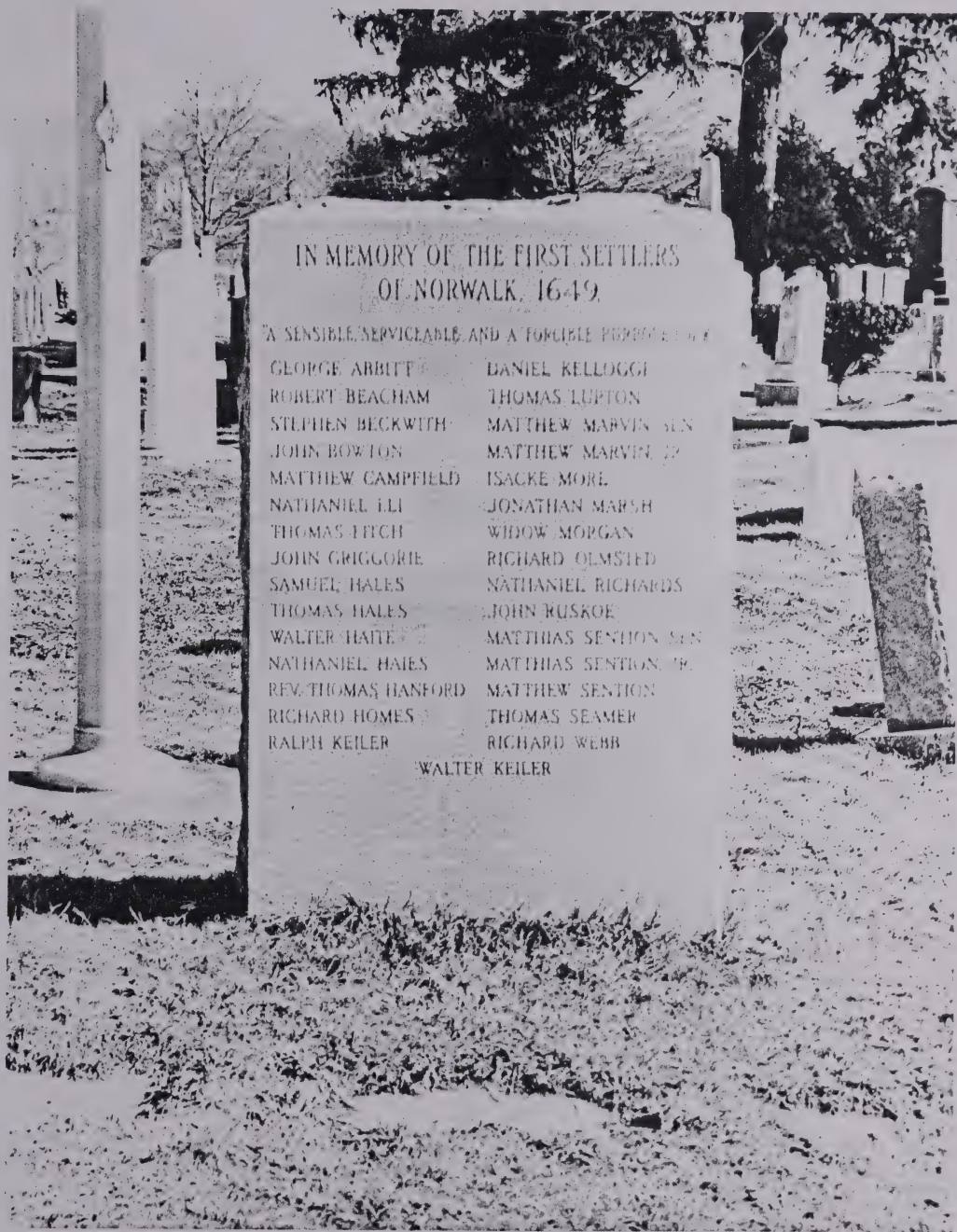












IN MEMORY OF THE FIRST SETTLERS  
OF NORWALK, 1649.

A SENSIBLE, SERVICEABLE AND A FORGIBLE PEOPLE

GEORGE ABBITT	DANIEL KELLOGG
ROBERT BEACHAM	THOMAS LUPTON
STEPHEN BECKWITH	MATTHEW MARVIN, SEN.
JOHN BOWTON	MATTHEW MARVIN, JR.
MATTHEW CAMPFIELD	ISACKE MORE
NATHANIEL ELLI	JONATHAN MARSH
THOMAS FITCH	WIDOW MORGAN
JOHN GRIGGORIE	RICHARD OLMSTED
SAMUEL HALES	NATHANIEL RICHARDS
THOMAS HALES	JOHN RUSKOE
WALTER HAITE	MATTHIAS SENTON, SEN.
NATHANIEL HALES	MATTHIAS SENTON, JR.
REV. THOMAS HANFORD	MATTHEW SENTON
RICHARD HOMES	THOMAS SEAMER
RALPH KEILER	RICHARD WEBB
WALTER KEILER	





CEMETERY STREET

EAST

VAN ZANT STREET

GREGORY

BOULEVARD

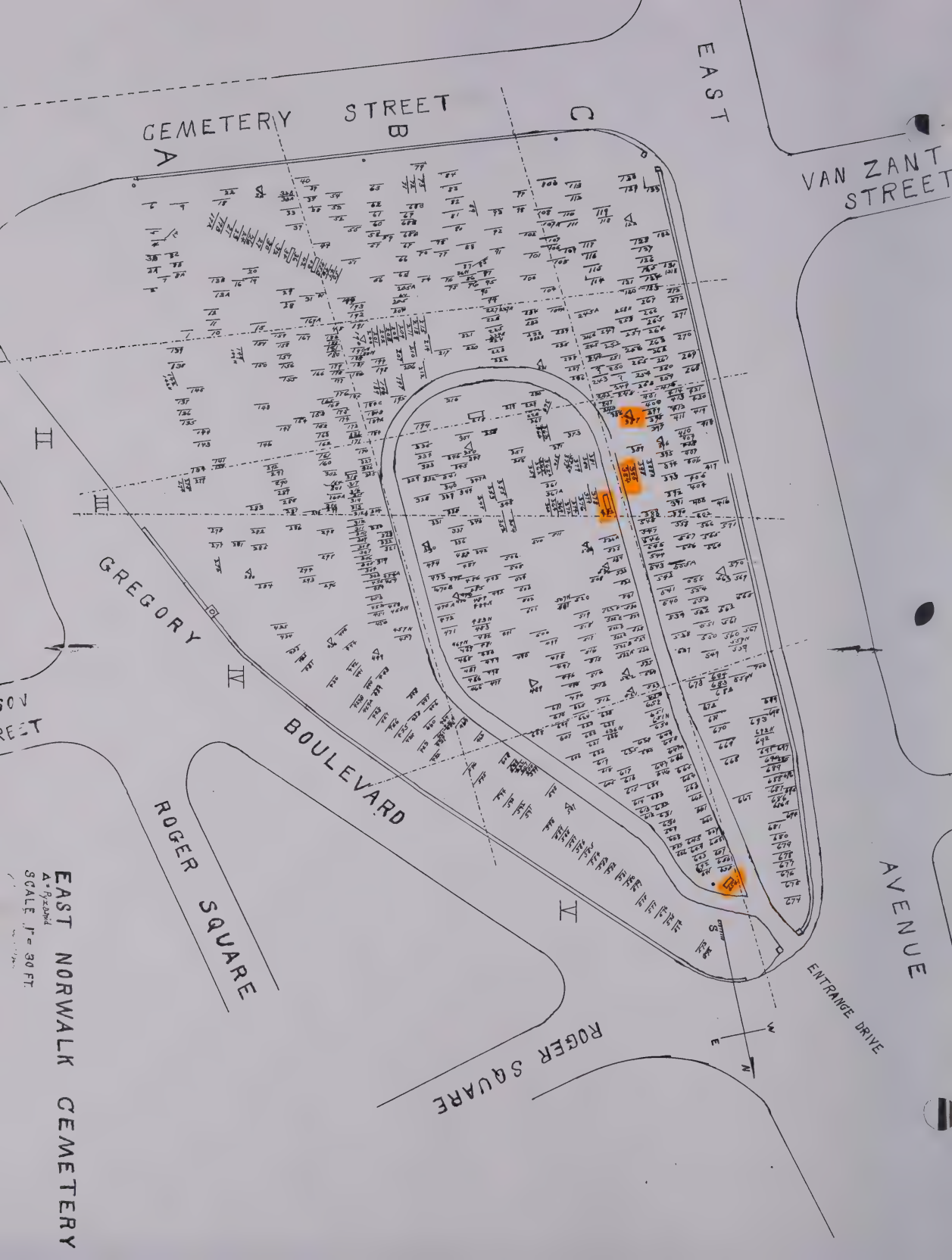
ROGER SQUARE

ROGER SQUARE

AVENUE

ENTRANCE DRIVE

EAST NORWALK CEMETERY  
A-7-2-20-24  
SCALE 1" = 30 FT





377 III-B

Here lyes what was mortal of  
Mrs. Martha Dickenson  
wife to ye Revnd Mr. Moses Dickenson  
Who Died Decembr 15th  
Anno Donni 1755 AETATES 62

378 III-B

Miss Esther Fitch

Daughter of  
the Hon'ble Thomas Fitch  
and Hannah Fitch  
Departed this life  
on ye 12th of March 1771  
in ye 30th year of her age  
and is here interred

Blessed are ye dead that die in ye Lord

379 III-B

Thomas J. Fitch  
Son of  
Joseph H. & Jeanne M.  
1925-1947

380 III-B

Beneath this monumental stone  
lies interred the body of the  
Rev'd. Moses Dickenson  
late pastor of the first Church of Christ  
in NORWALK, who departed this life  
May 1st. 1778, in the 83d. year of his  
age, and 51st to his Ministry in said church  
A man of a good Understanding, well im-  
proved by Study, Cheerfull in Temper  
Prudent in Conduct and faithful to his  
trust. He came to his grave in full age,  
like as a shock of corn cometh in his  
season.

381 III-B

In memory of  
Eliza F. Christian  
who departed this life  
November 26th, 1809  
Aged 20 Years 7 months & 22 days

382 III-B

(A Tomb Table of Brownstone on 5 pil-  
lars and Slate inserted in the Table.)

THE HON'BLE THOMAS FITCH ESQR

Gov'r of the Colony of Connecticut  
Eminent, and distinguished among mor-  
tals, For great abilities, large aquirements  
and a virtuous character; a clear, strong,  
sedate mind; an accurate, extensive ac-  
quaintance with Law and civil Govern-  
ment; a happy Talent of presiding; close  
application and strict fidelity in the dis-  
charge of important Trusts; no less than,  
for his employments, by the voice of the  
people, in the chief offices of State, and  
at the Head of the Colony. Having served  
his generation by the Will of God fell  
asleep July 18th, Add Domini, 1774 in  
the 75th Year of his age.

(Governor Thos Fitch was the son of  
Thomas. He married Sept. 4, 1724, Han-  
nah Hall of New Haven the eldest dau of  
Richard and Hannah (Miles) Hall. The  
Hon'ble Thomas was the Governor's as-  
sistant 1734-35 and from 1740 to 1754  
when he was elected Governor, May, the  
same year and remained as such to May  
1763 when he came back to Norwalk to  
live and probably died, at what is now  
known as the old Fitch place, on East  
Ave., a little south of opposite the East  
entrance to the road leading to Oyester  
Shell Point. A large Elm Tree is seen in  
front of the house as a landmark undis-  
turbed to his memory.

(Note: The New England Thruway ac-  
quired this site and the home stood just  
east of the bridge, and at that level, which  
crosses the thruway.)

383 III-C

DECKER

Mattavis J. Decker  
Jan. 14, 1840 - Apr. 4, 1924  
Mary O. Wife of Mattavis J. Decker  
Apr. 17, 1846 - Feb. 17, 1902

384 III-C

In Memory of  
Timothy Fitch

Who died Sept. 18, 1802  
in the 67 year of his age.

385 III-C

Esther (Fitch)

Relict of Timothy Fitch  
Died May 5, 1816 Age 71

386 III-C

(White Stone)

Mr. Samuel Marvin  
Died Nov. 8, 1820 Aged 80

387 III-C

(Granite monument)

James Fitch  
Died July 31, 1828,  
Age 70 yrs, 3 mos & 20 ds.

Esther Camp

His wife Died Sept. 9, 1846  
Age 83 yrs, 6 mos, & 17 Ds.

Susannah Fitch

Died May 24, 1888,  
Age 83 yrs, 1 mo, & 11 Ds.

Julia Fitch

Died June 23, 1857  
Age 57 yrs. 4 mos. & 13 Ds.

388 III-C

Edward Fitch

Died July 23, 1808, Age 36 y's  
Mary E. His Wife

Died Jan. 9, 1841, Age 67 y's

This Stone is erected by their child  
Anjinette Hall of Troy, N.Y.

Son of Timothy Fitch +  
Esther Platt

388A III-C

Hannah

Wife of

Azar Belden

Died March 29, 1860  
Age 98 yrs, 8 mos, & 14 Days.

388N III-C

Azar Belden

389 III-C

Cornelia (Fitch)

wife of Stephen Fitch,  
who Died Sept. 12, 1811, Age 49 yrs.

390 III-C

Titus K. Merrill

Died Mar. 27, 1890  
Age 84 yrs, 6 mo. 15 da.

Blessed are The Dead who die in the Lord.

391 III-C

Phebe Anne Janes

Wife of

Titus K. Merrill

Died Feb. 10, 1901  
Age 87 yrs, 2 mo & 27 da.

392 III-C

William Francis (Daskam)

Son of Capt. Samuel & Loretia Daskam,  
Died Oct. 13, 1856. Age 38

He has gone to the grave as tenderly  
loved

As any that ever from earth was removed  
And when the last call to us shall be  
given

Oh may we be ready to meet him in  
Heaven.

393 III-C

Capt. Samuel Daskam,

Died April 21, 1858,  
Aged 71 years 6 mo. & 11 Days.

394 III-C

Loretia Fitch

Wife of

Capt. Samuel Daskam

Died Feb. 18, 1887  
Age 93 yrs. 1 mo. 21 da.

395 III-C

Ida A.

Daughter of Samuel  
and

Arietta Daskam

Born July 2, 1858  
Died Sept. 12, 1859



## 422 IV-A

Charles S. Fitch  
1861-1921  
Wilhelmina Waugh  
His Wife  
1863-1933

## 423 IV-A

William S. Fitch  
1832-1884  
Isabella E. Godfrey  
His Wife  
1835-1908

## 424 IV-A

In Memory Of  
Phoebe E. Fitch  
Born 1816 - Feb.  
Died 1897 - Feb.

## 425 IV-A

In Memory of  
Dr. Charles Fitch  
Son of John H. & Susannah Fitch,  
who died Sept. 2nd., 1860  
aged 36 years 10 mo. & 4 Days.

## 426 IV-A

In Memory of  
James Davis Fitch  
Son of John H. & Susannah Fitch,  
who died Aug. 28, 1846  
aged 18 years 1 mo. & 9 Days.

## 427 IV-A

In Memory of  
Susannah Fitch  
widow of John H. Fitch  
who died Sept. 26, 1881,  
aged 84 years & 10 mos.

428 IV-A *son of James III + Esther Camp*

In Memory of  
John H. Fitch  
who died March 26th 1860,  
aged 65 years 5 mo. & 20 Days.

## 429A IV-A

In Memory of  
George B. Fitch  
Born 1817  
Died 1902

## 429B IV-A

His Wife  
Elizabeth H. Betts Fitch  
Born Apr. 14, 1834  
Died --- 1902

## 430 IV-A

Mary E.  
Daughter of R. J. & A. A. Brown  
Died Oct. 21, 1886  
Age 2 mo. 28 days

## 431 IV-A

At rest in Heaven  
Henry B. Gorham  
Died Jan. 29, 1862,  
aged 30 Y'rs & 23 Days  
Mary E. Gorham  
wife of Henry B. Gorham,  
Died Dec. 19, 1882,  
aged 48 y'rs & 22 Days.  
Sleep on loved ones take thy rest,  
God called thee home when he thought  
best.

## 432 IV-A

Charles Gorham  
Son of Henry B. & Mary E. Gorham  
Died Aug. 11, 1864,  
aged 6 y'rs 3 mo. & 10 Days

## 433 IV-A

Henry B. Gorham  
1862-1939

## 434 IV-A

Francis Jones  
Died March 24, 1865,  
aged 32 y'rs 3 mo's & 17 Days.  
He served in Co. G, 28 Reg. Conn. Vols.

## 435 IV-A

Little Willie  
Died June 27, 1872, aged 7 months.

## 436 IV-A

Lucretia  
wife of Hiram C. Jones,  
Born Aug. 7, 1807  
Hiram C. Jones,  
Born Sept. 10, 1806,  
Died April 8, 1882

Lewis Jones  
Born June 17, 1844,  
Died Oct. 2, 1891  
A private in Co. E, 5th Conn. Regt.  
1861-1885

## 437 IV-A

Hiram Fitch  
Born - 1826  
Died - 1908  
His Wife  
Anna Graves Fitch  
Born - 1831  
Died - 1914  
Their Daughter  
Georgianna  
Born - 1858  
Died - 1914

Their-Son  
Fred  
Born - 1862  
Died - 1874  
Their Daughter  
Jennie  
Born - 1860  
Died - 1896

## 438 IV-A

Ella B. (Fitch)  
Died Aug. 24th, 1860, aged 8 mo.  
Emma B.  
Died Sept. 20th 1860,  
aged 8 mo. & 27 Days.

Children of  
George B. & Elizabeth H. Fitch  
He shall gather the lambs with his arm  
and carry them in his bosom.

## 439 IV-A

James Fitch  
Born Jan. 15, 1867  
Died Feb. --, 1938

## 440 IV-A

Fannie Fitch  
Wife of  
Charles Sherman  
Born Dec. 24, 1864  
Died April 24, 1915

## 441 IV-A

Robert J. Brown  
Co. C 23rd Rg. Wis. Vol. Inf.  
1845-1916  
His Wife  
Anceline A. Elzea  
1850-1933

## 442 IV-A

Pearl A. Brown  
1897-1916  
Gone but not Forgotten

## 443 IV-A

ROSE  
David Rose  
1818-1901  
His wife  
Charlotte A. Tooker  
1820-1900

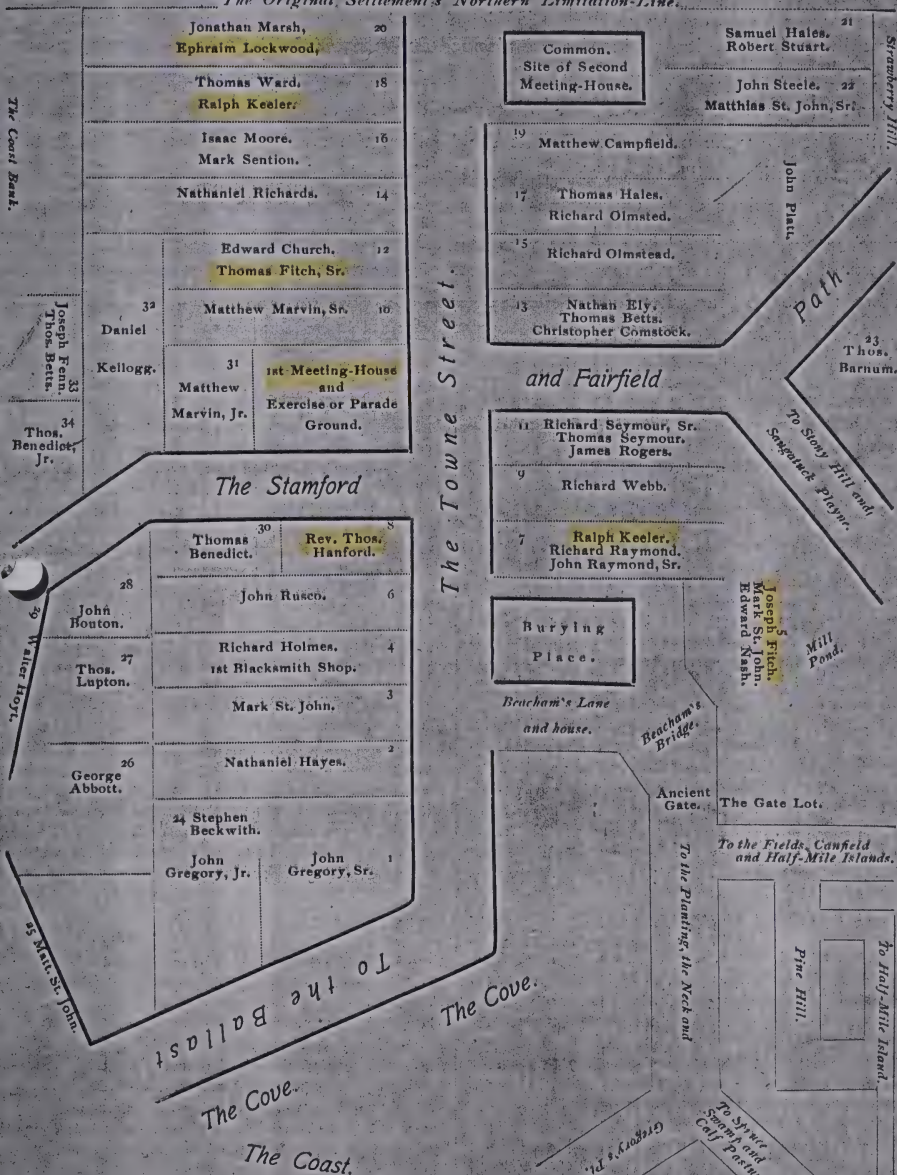
## 444 IV-A

Frank (Howland)  
born Jan. 3, 1856, died Aug. 21, 1858  
Ella A.  
born June 11, 1868, died Feb. 16, 1872  
Children of J. H. & Nancy J. Howland  
"Suffer little children to come unto me,"





*The Original Settlement's Northern Limitation-Line.*











## THE SETTLEMENT.

The greater portion of the territory referred to in the submitted deeds, descriptions, title and patent, was bought, as has been seen, from the natives, by Roger Ludlow and Daniel Partrick, on respectively February 26th and April 20th, 1640, but there was, as has also been noted, non-occupation of the same for several years. This condition of things, however, ceased in the autumn of 1650. On June 19th, 1650, (see deed, p. 11.) Nathaniel Ely and Richard Olmstead, both at that time of Hartford, agreed with Ludlow of Fairfield that the Norwalk Company, to be composed of at least thirty families, should proceed to the settlement of the place, and during "the next Spring at farthest," begin to break up the soil and ascertain what might be accomplished in the way of building; which pledge appears to have been fulfilled.

Granting, then, that the settlers—it was only their advance column—had arrived in Norwalk in the fall of 1650, it is justly argued from their articles of agreement with Ludlow, as well as from the pre-advisory tenor of the Court's reply to Nathaniel Ely and Richard Olmstead, seven days later than the Ludlow transaction, that but little if anything was really done before the spring of 1651. Norwalk was unrepresented at the Capitol until many months after the latter date. This caused comment, but there was reason for the seeming delinquency. It is not to be supposed that the entire Company came at first to the new settlement, and it should be remembered that time was required for planning, preparing, organizing and ordering. Virgin soil required to be broken, primeval trees felled, temporary dwellings thrown together, cart paths cut, lots drained, fences erected, cattle-sheds made and wolf-traps set up. It speaks well for the new Company's enterprise and loyalty that it was able to send its maiden delegate, Richard Olmstead, to Hartford even as early as May, 1653.<sup>1</sup> The tardiness had provoked Court-inquiry as to the cause thereof, and the appointment of the town recorder of Fairfield<sup>2</sup> "to look into the matter;" still, under the circumstances, there was no remissness on the part of the Norwalk founders. An extra Court-session was held early in 1653, and as yet there was no Norwalk representation, but at the regular May session of the same year, both Registrar Olmstead and his neighbor, Charterer Matthew Campfield<sup>3</sup> were present; albeit, there had just been terrible consternation among their constituency at home because of the persistent threatenings of the Dutch.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Ludlow was not present to greet his begotten Norwalk's maiden representative. At the session of May 18, 1653, he was attending a convention of Commissioners of the United Colonies in Boston.

<sup>2</sup>William Hill.

<sup>3</sup>Matthew Canfield was not a deputy until the next year, 1654. He was made a freeman May 16, 1654, as was also at the same time his friend Rev.

Thos. Hanford of Norwalk. Norwalk reported twenty-four estate holders in 1654. The entire valuation at that time was £2309. The next year Norwalk sent in no returns, and was fined forty shillings.

<sup>4</sup>The day after the Court sat Rich'd Olmstead,<sup>1st</sup> was appointed Sergeant, and deputed to "exercise" the Norwalk soldiers and to "examine their arms," etc. A "parade ground" was early laid out.



The tradition that the immigrants<sup>2</sup> driving their live-stock ahead and crossing at the fordable confluence<sup>2</sup> of the salt water estuary and the fresh water stream known as the Saugatuck River, made their western way over the country to the vicinity of The Rocks, from which spot was first sighted the Norwalk Valley, adown which, piloted perhaps by one who had previously gone over the route, or following an Indian's path,<sup>3</sup> they prospectingly proceeded until the plain "neare to the sea" (now East Norwalk) was finally halted upon, seems reasonable and is possibly reliable. That little band was composed, for the most part, of men of simple tastes and simple traits and simple truthfulness, but of strong men nevertheless, because men of principle and purpose. It appears to have been their "plan" of settlement to concentrate at a convenient point. One idea of the "home-lot" was that of closeness and co-operation, while its general area-uniformity, (four acres) besides being a fair acreage-distribution of previously-cleared Indian land, may have implied the idea, also, of co-ordination.

Unquestionably the one settlement-conviction regnant with the founders was that of community-compactness; and yet, while this may be a just remark, as the Norwalk town-plot was at first comprehended by its constituency, critical study is likely to discover that the eventual conclusions as to the magnitude of the territory embraced in the actual town-plot militated against the centralization theory. One does not get far along in one's perusal of Norwalk records before discovering the settlers "hither" tendencies, as shadowed in expressions similar to these: "the cart-path to Cranberry Plains," "the path to Soactuck," "my residence on Haynes' Ridge," "home-lot in Wilton Parish," "Bouton path to Smith's Ridge," "the Danbury Road," etc., before discovering how soon there were those among the Platt's and Fitch's who removed to Chestnut Hill, and among the Hanford's who went to New Canaan, and the St. John's, Smith's and Keeler's to Ridgefield, and the Brown's to Salem, and the Barnum's, Benedict's and Hoyt's to Danbury. It may be fairly assumed that the planters' primitive project (see dotted limitations-line on Hall's map of Norwalk) was in a measure so thwarted by the acreage temptation of the grant as to furnish one explanation of the town's cradle (East Norwalk) remaining for two hundred years scarcely more than an outlying district; a singular exception in this particular of central growth to the sister settlements of New Haven, Fairfield and Stamford.

<sup>2</sup>These appear to have been well provided with oxen and carts. Someone says that in 1637 there were only five or six carts in the colony. Norwalk, however, in 1651, appears to have been well supplied with the article. One of the earliest pioneers to die, Richard Seymour, made special bequeathment of his *new cart*. Probably few horses, at the first, were brought to Norwalk. After a no long time, however, the number had so increased that the "horse-pound" was established, and provision made for "stray jades."

<sup>3</sup>Westport upper bridge, 1896. Ludlow, ten years previously, and the Stamford pioneers before Ludlow's day, crossed the Saugatuck at, presumably, the

present Cockcroft place, on Saugatuck river, (anciently Rocky-Neck.) The one lived in Fairfield, and the others went to Stamford from, it is probable, New Haven. The Norwalk pioneers, however, in coming from Hartford, would naturally take a somewhat shorter route than from Hartford south to New Haven and thence west to Norwalk. Their travel-line, it is to be inferred, was more that of the triangle's hypothenuse.

<sup>3A</sup>A tradition as old almost as the Partrick family, was that Norwalk, at the time of its settlement, "was full of Indian trails."





The founders had no sooner comprehended the situation than they distinguished the east and west sides of Norwalk river as divisions one and two, and thus commenced their work of Norwalk nomenclature. Their new home was not a cleared-up domain, but largely a wilderness-tract. It is broached that their advent had been anticipated, but not so numerically as to have materially changed the existing state of things. Primitive conditions so confronted them that there is a sort of irony in the tradition-statement that their first days were passed in "the hollow." The generous geography of the spot necessitated the immediate naming of its diverse localities. It is true that the grant itself had a native title,<sup>1</sup> of the appropriateness and dignity of which its sons and daughters have occasion ever to be grateful and proud; true, that its three rivers also, the "Noewanton," the "Norwalke" and the "Soackuck" admirably bore their original appellations, and that the red man's "Naramake," (Belden Point) "Runckingheage, (Roaton Hill) "Pampaskeshanke," (Roaton Brook) "Winnipauk," (a ridge near the Oblong) "Mamachimons" and "Cockenoos," (Islands) were loyally acknowledged. This, however, was about the extent of the matter. Almost every other portion required to be designated. That there was the exhibition, less of poetry than of practicality in these designations, is evident; and still, while the local cognomens: Campfield's Hill, Calf Pasture, Casa's Pond, Cold Spring, Cranberry Swamp, Duck Pond, Fitch's Point, Fort Point, Fruitful Spring, Gregory's Point, Haynes' Ridge, Half-Mile Island, Haynes' Swamp, Hungry Spring, Indian Brook, Indian Field, Oyster-Shell Point, Pine Hill, Ponasses Path, Stony Hill, Spruce Swamp, Stamford Path, Strawberry Hill, The Ballast, The Coast-Banke, The Cove, The Heath, The Hithermost Plain,

<sup>1</sup>Bela St. John tradition. Hall, page 304.

<sup>2</sup>Norwaake—legitimately Indian. Note 3, page 5. Conceding that the meridians of an extant map, (Bolton's) which shows the aboriginal occupation in 1609, of Norwalk, are correctly indicated, a line drawn twenty-five miles due east from the ancient New York Wall Street bastion, and from thence the same distance north, would cut the islands in Long Island Sound put down in the year 1640 as "neare" the river of "Norwake." Norwake, (waake, walke or wak) is, beyond successful gainsay, the original Indian designation of that "fertile wheat country" (vide Dr. Morse's Eighteenth Century American Gazetteer) which, lying between the "Noewanton" and the "Norwalke," and the "Norwalke" and "Saugatuck" rivers, is flanked and backed by a parted prong of (see Woodbridge and Willard's Geography) the Green Mountains.

To the undulating valley lying within these cleft semi-highlands, the designation "Chichester" would,

from an old map,\* seem also to have at one time been applied. As a family patronymic, this term anciently obtained in this vicinity.† Still, looking elsewhere for a possible explanation of its appearance, the remark may be ventured that as, according to Camden, Chester is derived from the Latin Castrum, a citadel, and that as (see Appleton's Encyclopædia, old series) Cissanceaster, the name of an important citadel, is a corruption of Chichester, it may be argued that the descriptive Chichester signifies a fort or forts. The pioneers of Norwalk came to a section to which the resident savages had been driven from other localities by outnumbering forces, with whom "might makes right" was a governing principle. Here, for the purpose of self-defence, the weaker party threw up the fortification (or a series of Indian castles) at "Fort Poynt," upon the level east from which the founders' first dwellings were erected. Which fact, it is not, perhaps, entirely unreasonable to suggest, may account for Norwalk's old-time tentative cognomen of Chichester.

\*In the possession of the Rev. William J. Slocum, pastor in 1895 of St. Mary's Church, Norwalk, and loaned by him at the exhibition of Norwalk relics in 1894.

†A "Chichester Inn" is alluded to in old Norwalk Land Registers.

†O'Callighan, in describing one of these Indian fortresses some miles west from Norwalk, states that they "were built of five inch plank, nine feet high, bound around with thick beams, and studded with port-holes." The old Norwalk fort is to-day supplanted by the Consolidated road's bridge improvement.



The Neck, The Pasture, The Pease, The Plantinge, The Rocks, The Water-Glen, Toilsome, might have, to some extent, been lacking in speech-elegance, yet were they models of natural exactness, and a few of them of natural eloquence; which statement holds true when this naming system is followed down somewhat.

By degrees the territory covered by the Indian purchases, a territory bounded east and west by the Saugatuck and Rowalton waters and south by the sea, and butted twelve miles to the north by the "Mohawk Country," became populated, and the enlarged vocabulary bearing the same realistic stamp as the one from which extract has been made, anon embraced Bald Hill, Ball Mountain, Barbadoes, Barnum's Swamp, Betts' Swamp, Barren Marsh Creek, Bartlett's Meadow, Bartlett's Ridge, Beaver Pond, Beaver Dam, Behind Noon, Bear Swamp, Benedict's Hill, Benedict's Point, Belden Hill, Between the Banks, Between the Parts, Boggy Branch, Boston Bridge Brook, Bouton's Swamp, Blatchley's Field, Bridge Brook, Brushy Ridge, Buckingham Ridge, Buckmeadow Hill, Butler's Brook, Canaan Ridge, Canoe Hill, Captain's Plain, Captain's Spring, Caterpillar Lots, Chestnut Hill, Compo, Comstock's Park, Cove-Woods, Cove Branch, Clapboard Hill, Cranberry Plains, Crow Hill, Crow Swamp, David Keeler's Pond, Drye Hill, Drum Hill, East Rocks, Egypt, Elm Branch, Ely's Bars, Ely's Neck, Flax Hill, France, Game Swamp, George's Brook, George's Hill, George's Spring, Great Hill, Great Swamp, Government Line, Grumman's Hill, Hale's Meadow, Hanford's Brook, Hanford Meadow, Hanford Swamp, Handsome Ridge, Hazel Plain, Hayes' Hill, Hitchcock's Hollow, Honey Ridge, Home Ridge, House Ridge, Horse Hollow, Horse Pound, Holmes' Plain, Hop Meadow, Hoyt's Plain, Hoyt's Hunting Woods, Huckleberry Hills, Indigo Hill, Kellogg's Ridge, Kellogg's Swamp, Keeler's Ridge, Keeler's Orchard, Keeler's Hollow, Ketchum's Hill, Lupton's Boggs, Mamachimon's Bridge, Mamachimon's Meadow, Marvin's Swamp, Marvin's Ridge, Marvin's Meadow, Marvin's Plain, Matthias Meadow, Mill Brook, Millstone Hill, Millstone Ridge, Natt's Boggs, New Dam, New Pound Ridge, Nod, Old Hill, Old Well, One-Mile Tree, Ox Pound, Pampaskeshanke Creek or River, Pine Tree, Platt's Farm, Parting Swamp, Plum Trees, Pound Ridge, Poplar Plains, Partrick's Plain, Pypewaugh Falls, Pypewaugh Plain, Rattlesnake Pasture Swamp and Woods, Rayle Hill, Raymond's Hill, Round Hill, Rock House Woods, Seer Hill, Soatuck Playne, Scudder's Woods, Silver Mine, Stadde Ridge, Shovel Hill, Stuart's Field, Stuart's Swamp, Sticky Plain, Spring Ridge, Smith's Ridge, Smith's Hills, Stepp Rock, Split Rock, Reed's Farm, Ridgefeld Line, The Great Hill, The Great Meadow, The Great Bridge, The Great Swamp, The Other Side of the River, The Hithermost Wading Place, The Oven, The Stamping Place, The Elm or Western Branch of Norwalk River, Turn of the River, Titus Farm, Wolf-pitt Hills, Whitney's Hill, Whitney's Plain, Winnipauk Ridge, Woodpecker's Ridge, Wolf Borough, White Wood Swamp, White Oak Shade, etc., all of which argues pains, progress and prosperity.

\*Most of the localities named on pages twenty-six and twenty-seven are, with no great difficulty, pointed out to-day, and quite a number of them re-

main name-unchanged. It may be difficult to account for the origin of a few of the appellations, but a large share of them are self-explaining.





## THE ISLANDS.

From the Runckingeage Deed, Feb. 15, 1651, see page 14, it would seem that "all the islands" were made over to the Norwalk planters, who designated them as the "out-land division." An early authenticated notice of said islands, subsequent to the Runckingeage transfer is found undated (vol. i, fol. 30) in the town records, wherein the town granted to Matthew Canfield the island that to-day bears his name. Mr. Canfield was one of the first Norwalk settlers, and doubtless himself made choice of the island referred to as one portion of his share of the "plantinge." He owned it until April 1, 1669, at which date, he being an inhabitant of Newark, N. J., transferred his Norwalk rights and interests to his son Samuel. This son remained here for a period, but afterward parted with his Norwalk possessions and removed to New Jersey. On March 8, 1672, he disposed, apparently, of the south half of Canfield's Island to his father's old neighbor, Ephraim Lockwood, as he ten months before sold his parent's house, lot, barn and shop to Thos. Fitch, Jr.

In 1655 the town gave to Stephen Beckwith the next island west of Canfield's, viz.: Half-Mile Island, and on Sept. 18, 1666, Judah Gregory, son of John Gregory, the settler, was voted the island west of Gregory's Point, and named for himself *Judah's Island*. The present Peach Island comprised at that day a part—perhaps the whole—of the island grant made to Judah Gregory. In 1670 the town contested, and evidently successfully so, (vide action of Feb. 20, 1672) the claim of John Gregory, Sr. to Cockenoes Island, and on Dec. 2, 1690, the Sachem Winnipauk, whose superb ridge lay a dozen miles to the north, close on to The Oblong, deeds thus:

I, Winnipauk, Indian Sagamour of Norwalk, do freely Give to my beloved friend Thomas Hanford, senior, Minister of Norwalk in y<sup>e</sup> County of Fairfield, in y<sup>e</sup> Colony of Connecticut, my Island of Land Lying against Rowerton, containing Twenty acres more or less, with all y<sup>e</sup> trees, Herbage, and other Appurtenances thereof; which s<sup>d</sup> Island is bounded on y<sup>e</sup> East with y<sup>e</sup> Island called Mamachimins, and Chachanenas, and on y<sup>e</sup> West with the point of Rowerton; I the said Winnipauk Do by this my act and Deed, Alienate the s<sup>d</sup> Island from all claims of English or Indians, and as being my peculiar propriety, never by deed of gift, or sale made over to any, but now by this my deed I do give it freely to my beloved friend Thomas Hanford, senr., to possess, improve, to him and his heirs forever. In confirmation of this my act or deed, I have set to my hand & seal this second day of December Anno Domini One thousand six Hundred and Ninety.—(Norwalk Land Records, Vol. vii, fol. 313.)

After passing in 1651 into the Company's hands, several of the islands at least, were probably, for the time being, assigned to and appropriated by different inhabitants. Settled action, however, was taken on Jan. 4, 1702, to the following effect:

"Whereas the inhabitants of the towne of Norwalk, have had possession of severall Islands lying adjacent to their township, and allso improvement of them forty yeares, and longer, without being interrupted by any persons laying claime and prosecuting their claime in due forme of law, the sayd towne having had quiett possession long before the sayd law



of possession was enacted, and ever since; the select men and justice doe in the name of sayd towne and for their behoofe, enter and record unto the sayd towne, them, their heires and assignes for ever; namely Cockenoes Island known by sayd name, and Mamachimons Island, and the Long Island, and Camfield's Island, known by sayd names, and all other Islands lying in or adjacent unto the townshipp of Norwalk; to the legallity of this record we whose names are hereunto sett and subscribed, our names and hands."

JAMES OLMSTEAD, Justice and Recorder.

SAMUEL SMITH,

THOMAS BETTS,

SAMUELL BELDEN,

SAMUELL BETTS,

SAMUELL MARVEN.

} Townsmen.

Recorded this 4th day of January, 1702-3.

Exactly how the town viewed the matter of any previous bestowment of Canfield's, Half-Mile, Cockenoes, Judah's and Winnipauke (Longe) Islands, and just how it finally acted in relation thereto, is difficult, if not impossible, now to ascertain, but after the transaction of 1702 the title to the islands would appear to rest in the town authorities, and said outlying divisions to be, from 1712, if not for ten years previously, negotiable after the usual manner of the disposition of real estate.

#### NORWALK EAST-SAUGATUCK LANDS.

Dep.-Gov. Roger Ludlow, having obtained the General Court's permission to start the Pequonnock plantation, proceeded in 1639 with a few companions from Hartford to the spot thenceforth to be known as Fairfield. Here he assembled the natives and treated with them for "all the lands lying west of the Stratford bounds *to the Sasqua or Mill River*," etc. This stream, therefore, was the original western "limitts of Fayerfield." To the west of this stream lay a diversified stretch of land claimed by the Maxamus Indians, and Fairfield, at about ten years of age, entertained the idea of enlargement in that direction, and made proposition to that effect to the Court. At its sitting, May 17, 1649, the Court took this proposition so far into consideration as to constitute Daniel Titterton and John Hurd, of Stratford, a committee to make a survey of the asked-for premises and report at the next Assembly, "that they may the better know what is to bee done therein." At the convening of the Court, May 21, 1650, said committee returned its report, and action as follows, was taken:

"This Courte, considering the Returns of Danyell Titterton and John Hurd, about a parcell of land lying neare the town of Fairefeild, according to theire order from the Generall Courte of Election, in May, 1649, doe graunt vnto the said Towne of Fairefeild the said percell of land to Sagatuck Riuer: *provided the said Sagatuck doe not exceed two myles* from the bounds of the said Fairefeild."

<sup>1</sup> Colonial Records, 1636-1665.





In other words, the western boundary of Fairfield was by this order extended miles in that point of the compass from Sasqua River. As this still left a strip between the western Fairfield limits and the east bank of the Saugatuck, Norwalk's claim to those lands came to be recognized.<sup>1</sup>

The adjustment of the exact line between the two towns was a matter of difficulty and because so, of procrastination. On May 21, 1653, each town was appointed to send two men to look at the ground and debate as to an agreement. If unsuccessful, two men from Stratford were to be selected for the purpose. The question seemed to continue an open one until the Fairfield deputies to the Hartford Court of March 10, 1663, were instructed to inform Norwalk that its Fairfield bounds would be fixed in the following; and on Oct. 8, 1663, John Hurd and Joseph Judson were elected to lay out the bounds between the two towns. At a meeting held in Norwalk on May 6, 1664, **Thos. Fitch** was empowered to bring the matter to an issue. Delay followed, but adjustment to such a degree succeeded that on June 4, 1674, the town voted "allotments" on the west side of the Saugatuck "to the uttermost of our bounds eastward," and it was agreed that the river shall be accounted the front of y<sup>e</sup> lots, and the utmost bounds easterly the whole breadth of y<sup>e</sup> ground upon y<sup>e</sup> hills, and lots to run across y<sup>e</sup> plain from west to east to end."

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and notwithstanding the fact that the town on Feb. 16, 1684, hastened Samuel Hayes to Hartford for the purpose of procuring information as the vote would seem to imply, of acting in relation to the matter, definite Court conclusion does not seem to have been arrived at until 1687, which year's order appears to have accorded to Norwalk the old Indian "Compoe" domain, from which the line usually bore north-westward from the Sound, passing near the Burr Plain of a later date, and thence continuing below the southern limit of the present town of Weston, and thence north-westerly it lost itself finally in the vicinity of the New York province angle at Oblong.<sup>2</sup>

From 1687 to 1707 there was Norwalk occupation, to considerable extent, of the East Saugatuck territory. At a town meeting held February 28, 1706-7, a committee—Joseph St. John and **Samuel Keeler, Sr.**—was chosen to "view said property" and instructed to "methodise" this land and bring it into "a capacity for drawing of lots." The committee proceeded to its duty, and on December 22, 1709, the following draft of a map (one acre to 50 pounds commonage) was presented to the town and ordered to be recorded.—Vol. iv, fol. 158, Norwalk Town Records.

<sup>1</sup>May 17, 1654.—"It is ordered that the towne of Norwalk shall possess and enjoy all y<sup>e</sup> land which they purchased of the indians not of right belonging to the plantinge of Fairfield."

<sup>2</sup>This so-called New York province angle embraced the extreme southeast portion of what, in

1896, is known as the township of Lewisboro, Westchester County, New York; a section, of which was once considered as belonging to Norwalk. Lewisboro' (so named in honor of Hon. Lewis, a benefactor of the town) was anciently called as Lower Salem, and was, during the revolutionary war, a sort of military seat.



## THE LOT-DRAWERS.

Acres-Commonage Acres Roads Rods					Acres-Commonage Acres Roads Rods				
No. 1.—Thomas Seymour,	100	2	0	00	No. 22.—Thomas Fitch,	150	3	0	00
" 2.—Mr. Fitch,	314	6	1	00	" 23.—John Hoyt,	100	2	0	00
" 3.—John Nash,	166	3	1	13	" 24.—Ralph Keeler, }	157	3	0	12
" 4.—Samuel Belden,	10	0	0	34	" 24.—John Keeler, }				
" 5.—Matthew Marvin, Jr., }	418.10	8	1	19	" 25.—Thomas Benedict, Sr.,	173	3	1	13
" 5.—Matthew Marvin, Sr., }					" 26.—George Abbott,	75	1	2	00
" 6.—John Gregory, Jr.,	50	1	0	00	" 27.—Nathaniel Hayes,	115	2	1	08
" 7.—Thomas Benedict,	50	1	0	00	" 28.—Judah Gregory,	50	1	0	00
" 8.—Zerubbabel Hoyt,	192	3	3	16	" 29.—James Sension,	189	3	3	08
" 9.—Joshua Gregory,	50	1	0	00	" 30.—John Benedict,	50	1	0	00
" 10.—Richard Holmes,	175	3	2	00	" 31.—John Bouton,	100	2	0	00
" 11.—Ephraim Lockwood,	170	1	1	26	" 32.—Thomas Betts,	146	2	3	27
" 12.—Samuel Canfield,	223	4	1	34	" 33.—John Raymond, }	300	6	0	00
" 13.—Christopher Comstock,	146	2	3	28	" 33.—Samuel Sension, }				
" 14.—Mr. Hanford,	300	6	0	00	" 34.—Daniel Kellogg,	135	2	2	00
" 15.—Samuel Smith,	70	1	1	26	" 35.—Robert Stuart,	283.68	5	2	26
" 16.—Samuel Hayes,	100	2	0	00	" 36.—John Platt,	168.134	3	1	18
" 17.—Richard Olmstead,	219.10	4	0	28	" 37.—Nathaniel Richards,	272	5	1	31
" 18.—Thomas Taylor,	55	1	00	16	" 38.—Thomas Lupton,	70	1	1	14
" 19.—John Gregory, Sr.,	353	7	0	9	" 39.—Mathias Sension,	150	3	0	00
" 20.—John Rusco,	105	2	0	16	" 40.—Samuel Benedict,	50	1	0	00
" 21.—Mark Sension,	252	5	0	6					

It was eventually determined that Fairfield should extend to the Saugatuck River, when, in later years, the town of Westport was organized, it took portions from both sides of the Saugatuck.

## THE STAMFORD BOUNDARY.

There are like points in tutored and untutored human nature. Piamikin, a Sagamore of the Indian-paradise-point, Norwalk's south-western portion, made what he, it is to be presumed, deemed a good bargain when, on March 24, 1645, he exchanged for "divers reasons and considerations" lands lying west of Five-Mile River, and deeded the same to Andrew Ward and Richard Law of Stamford, two veritable lights in that town's early history. Six years farther down, the same red Sagamore united in a conveyance whereby several principal Norwalk planters were given quiet and peaceable enjoyment of a portion of the same territory. Stamford and Norwalk were alike oblivious as to what Ponus' contemporary had done until many moons had fulfilled. There were fine forests and farms at Five-Mile River and good water-power also, and the land on both sides the river was put under Norwalk tribute. Entirely unsuspecting of victimizing, either by duplicity or stupidity, as the case may have been, our pioneers crossed the stream, mowed the grass and felled the trees. From beyond the "staddle by the Oke" towards the west, the land was, as they supposed, their purchase, and they determined to make the most of it. This naturally roused Stamford, and an uncomfortable state of affairs was the consequence. Stamford, by solemn vote, decided to "confront" Norwalk, and Norwalk on Aug. 26, 1666,





agreed "that such men of our inhabitants as doe goe to cutt hay on the other side Five-Mile river the town will stand by." Two years after this, Sept. 30, 1668, Norwalk voted that the Deputies "shall do their best indevor" to bring about a settlement of the vexed subject. Stamford reciprocated and empowered Richard Law, Francis Bell and John Holly to "treat" with Norwalk men. Two years later Norwalk made advances toward a "loving and neighborly issu and agreement." Stamford's title ranked in point of age that of Norwalk, and the final outcome was that that sister settlement gained the day, and Norwalk's southwestern line was left about as Partrick had established it. North somewhat from this southwest point the ancient line took a northwesterly course, embracing what is now West Norwalk, and from thence still northwest, passing to the west of Haynes' Ridge in Canaan parish, and continuing until Pound Ridge was entered and embraced where the line ended in that of the province of New York.

### THE OBLONG.

This term is the designation of the debatable lands that lay north of the present boundaries of the townships of New Canaan and Stamford, and west of the Ridgefield line. The ownership-dispute of this romantic region was first occasioned through failure on the parts of the Dutch and English to definitely establish the separation line between the New York and Connecticut colonies. There seemed to have been some Dutch and English understanding in 1654, in which Norwalk was interested, in so far as its "twelve miles north" possessions were concerned. On Oct. 13, 1664, the Court at Hartford sent the Connecticut Governor, with four attendants, to congratulate the English upon their occupancy of what had heretofore been Dutch territory and to, if possible, come to an agreement New York and Connecticut boundary-wise. The parties met, and on Dec. 1, following, signed articles that conveyed to Connecticut all the land east of a north and south line drawn twenty miles east of the Hudson River. This appears to have been a piece of bungling, as it was subsequently ascertained that on account of the course of the Hudson, such a line would give Connecticut possession, at one point, to the Hudson's very banks. The Dutch, after a time, regained a footing in New York, and now all previous agreements were null. In 1683 another agreement was made, and 61,440 acres went to Connecticut. This was not entirely satisfactory either, and for two hundred years there has been more or less dispute.<sup>1</sup> Finally, the matter has been settled, and as Norwalk had parted with that portion of its territory bordering upon the so-called Oblong to its daughter

<sup>1</sup>In 1717 New York was asked to define just where the line lay, and Norwalk, at a town meeting held Feb. 1, 1726, granted liberty to such of its Oblong citizens "that had lands taken away from them" by this new line, "to take up y<sup>e</sup> same in any of the unsequestered common lands in the township of Nor-

walk." Alexander Ressigue was effected by this recent New York change, and on Feb. 19, 1729-30, John Stewart relinquished three-and-a-half Norwalk acres cut off "nigh unto York line on y<sup>e</sup> Pound Ridge." Pound Ridge now belongs altogether to the State of New York.



townships of New Canaan and Wilton, it dropped all challenge to its Indian-granted land lying north of the limits of the two named towns. "Oblong" is now an obsolete designation: nevertheless, its southeastern angle was once Norwalk soil and the home of Norwalk sons.<sup>1</sup>

The five preceding topics, entitled The Settlement, The Islands, The Norwalk East-Norwicket Lands, The Stamford Boundary and The Oblong define, in some degree, the territorial divisions of ancient Norwalk, and serve to convey something of an idea of the extent of the first grant. In addition to what is to-day known as Norwalk and Wilton,<sup>2</sup> portions of several other townships have been carved out of mother Norwalk.

### ANCIENT AVENUES.

Record-paucity is a barring stone to investigation under several heads of Norwalk history. Still, inference is not altogether unlawful, neither is tradition always a dead letter, and meagre information, if supplemented by thorough oral sifting and a thoughtful survey of the ground, is likely to prove helpful. These suggest the conclusion that the pioneers laid out their roadways with reference not alone to the topography of the country, but also to convenient accessibility to certain primitive points, such as The Planting Soil, The Neck, The Pasture Lot, The Parade Ground and The Mill. There was no Town House in early Norwalk times, neither Town Clerk's Office. One of Thomas Fitch's home apartments answered the latter purpose, as a charge upon the proprietor's books intimates.<sup>3</sup> Public gatherings were, for the first half-century, held in the Meeting-House,<sup>4</sup> and it is more than probable that a chest or closet in the Recorder's possession, constituted the town archives. The town's artery, the abode-site of most of the town's first father's was built four rods wide, and nominated the "Town Street," but was for years hardly more than a tolerable pack-horse or ox way. The south end of this street was comparatively straight and level.

<sup>1</sup>Michael Lockwood and John Rusco were two Norwalk progenitors who lived close by this angle. Gen. Tryon's men, upon their return to the coast after the destruction in Danbury, seemed to find their way to one or both of these residents' homes. The two lived not far apart, and Mr. Lockwood's son (Michael) was the husband of Mr. Rusco's daughter (Joanna). When the British (Ridgefield wing) reached Mr. Lockwood's house, they freely helped themselves to the good things contained in his larder. Upon quitting the despoiled home, they, with counterfeit earnestness, demanded that Mr. Lockwood should accompany them. The family, it may well be imagined, were thrown into consternation, but when Hop Meadow (in North Wilton) was reached, the British were suddenly formed into two columns, between which their prisoner was conducted in considerable circumstance, back to his depleted but now joyful hearthstone. Mr. Lockwood was the grandfather of

the late Carmi Lockwood of Norwalk, and Mr. Rusco's descendants are well known citizens of this town to-day. As late as the days of Hons. Wm. T. Minor and Wm. Henry Holly of Stamford, surveys pertaining to The Oblong were made. These men saw that the Vista angle (some ten or eleven miles northwest of Norwalk, and in the vicinity of the old Michael Lockwood and John Rusco homes) was established, thus saving the town of Ridgefield to the State of Connecticut. This line, after having been slightly changed, is the present recognized boundary between the two States.

<sup>2</sup>The greater portion, if not the whole, of the Wilton of 1896, was embraced in early Norwalk.

<sup>3</sup>Dec. 3, 1701, allowed to Thomas Fitch, for house room, 3 shillings.

<sup>4</sup>The use of the meeting-house for such purpose was abolished by vote early in the 18th century.





The St. John tradition mentions the "Ely Swamp," but the town way-wardens took no pains to run their lines around either the Ely bogs or the adjoining Hanford knoll, which knoll has only until late years been removed to allow of passage thereat underneath the Consolidated road. The "Town Street" was not the oldest highway in early Norwalk. Before Norwalk was English-inhabited, its territory was trodden by the Stamford founders, whose route to Fairfield, indicated by barked trees, heaps of stones and "staddle patches," was the identical road that afterward it became the duty of the colonial surveyor to "keep clear of bushes, trees and stones," and along which, "once a month in the winter and every three weeks in the summer" John Perry was wont to carry the mails. It was over this same road, which was gradually straightened and shortened, that the mounted herald rode, on a memorable spring day in 1687, and loudly trumpeted in the ears of the Norwalk fathers and mothers that His Majesty James II had acceded to the throne of Empire and was King of England. This highway, along its entire Norwalk length, from the Noewanton to the Saugatuck, was known by the name of the "Stamford Path." It conducted from Stamford to Fairfield, the Norwalk and Saugatuck streams being approached, one by a foot-way, the other by a "lane," and both crossed at first by log rafts, probably. The "line of the road to the west of the Norwalk river" lay through the present Marshall Street, when, winding across to "Ponasses Path," it extended over Flax Hill, following nearly the lower Stamford road of to-day. To the east of Norwalk river, this highway traversed the Fort Point and Fitch Streets of 1896, and thence to Strawberry Hill, from whence it took an easterly direction, crossing Indian Brook not far from Indian Field, and making a sharp turn on Saugatuck Hill, led southeast to the northern base of Rocky Neck, from whence Compo was reached by ferry.

At the foot of Strawberry Hill there diverged from the Stamford Path the Fathers' Path to Stony Hill, and thence to Saugatuck Playne, Duck Pond, Stephens Island and Great Marsh. This was a frequented "way," as it afforded accessibility to some of the most desirable portions of the new settlement.

The "Towne Street" began at the foot of what the settlers, in their simple speech, styled the "burial place," now the East Norwalk Cemetery. From this point the "land allotments" were numbered, and from the same point two "ways" parted, the one to The Pasture and The Neck, and the other to The Ballast, at the harbor end of the cove, west of the water-side home of John Gregory, Sr. The Pasture and Planting Soil were reached from the southeastern end of the burial slope, through a gate which was erected not far below the small bridge now standing just under the burial ground hill. This was the settlement's principal gate.<sup>2</sup>

The paths to Pine Hill and The Fields, from whence a path led to Saugatuck, Calf Pasture, Spruce Swamp, Half-Mile Isle and Fruitful Spring started from this gate, of which

<sup>4</sup>Local surveyors were required (vide action July 5, 1643) "to have a spetial regard to those comon wayes which are betwixt towne and towne."

<sup>2</sup>The "gate-lot" was the same that stands to-day on the road to Gregory's Point, (northeast corner) directly opposite the Josiah Raymond place.

Poin Glass - Amber

1970 oval bowl 30.00

1970 candy <sup>jar</sup> ~~box~~ with cover 30.00

Harvest by S+H stamps

Robert Beacham was among the first keepers, and which position he possibly held, dwelling in his cove-side cottage close by, until his removal in 1657-8 to one of the fairest marine sites then and now in New England—that of Compo coast.

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"Towne Street" became more of a thoroughfare as the town grew, but north of Goodman Hoyt's (Earle's) hill, the limit of the ancient settlement, it was still, in 1680, a path only. Milling, in earliest Norwalk history, was a failure.<sup>1</sup> Mill Brook<sup>b</sup> (Allen Betts' brook) was a larger stream than Mill Brook,<sup>a</sup> (East Norwalk brook) and grinding and sawing plants were consequently there established. This industry, in addition to the purchase and working of France Street lands, created a road traffic in that direction, and opened up the roads to Sticky and Cranberry Plains, two of the older ways in the town. Not many years, however, elapsed before Henry Whitney solved the mill problem by utilizing the waters of Norwalk river, when streets began to spring up around "the great bridge." The oldest path on "the other side of the river," (South Norwalk) was Ponasses Path, but the planters, with the exception of their sons, made, probably, for quite a time, no great use of this Indian "way." "Stamford" and "Meadow" paths came next, the first leading through Marshall Street, and the second lying quite near to the South Main Street of 1896. Meadow Path connected the Great Meadow (plain upon which South Norwalk's center is built) with the lower meadow, the "gate" between which two divisions stood in lower Main Street, not far from the present Main Street intersection with Woodward Avenue. Probably there was a gate below that point. It is inferred, from old writings, that Ponasses Path led towards the east as it approached the present South Norwalk, and merged in the path to the lower meadow at a point adjacent to the present Railroad Square.

Before the pale face set foot on Norwalk soil, there was here already a field-and-forest path that curvingly coursed the future settlement-site from west to east and thence south. It was evidently something more than a trail, of which sinuous tracks, according to tradition, the "Narwoko" of two-and-a-half centuries ago was full.

The path referred to was known to the Norwalk proprietors as Ponasses Path. Ponasses is a derivative of Ponus. Ponus and his partner, Wassacussue, both Sachems, were rulers over the Rippowams and proprietors of the territory now styled Stamford.

The very first Norwalk "milling" was, it is probable, simple pounding or crushing. The settlement, it may reasonably be imagined, not only brought the grinding of a meal supply with them, but obtained it from the Indians. These sources, nevertheless, were limited, and consequently, before they could establish their mill site and build a basin, dam and mill-house, they had, perchance, to resort to the "bruising" process; a state of things, however, that could not have been of long duration. The mill was demonstrated, and was accordingly among the earliest institutions projected. As to the exact site of the parent establishment there may be some uncertainty, but there is no uncertainty whatever that the establishment itself was of primitive construction. That the

water from the stream now issuing into the East Norwalk tide-mill pond at the foot of the burying ground hill was held back somewhere in the rear of the present Hendricks lot, and when the bowl was full, made thereat to flow over a small wheel, is not a groundless supposition. Close perusal of the records suggests this conclusion. The pioneers did not require, even were they prepared to at once provide, extensive facilities in this direction, but as settler after settler arrived and acre after acre fell under cultivation, it became necessary to enlarge their milling and sawing accommodations. This juncture would appear to have been reached when the vote of Jan. 6, 1654 was passed. The first apparatus was insufficient; the stream perhaps proved disappointing, and the





Wassacussue lived at Shippan Point, but Ponus' hill-top home lay farther north, a little way across the boundary-line, at that day, of Norwalk, at a point nearly two miles west of the present business street of New Canaan.

Standing two hundred odd years since at the summit of what the Norwalk fathers with fine poetic sense, called "the homeward end" of Haynes' Ridge, now the handsomely graded Church-hill, in the center of New Canaan, and looking northward and westward the eye beheld as goodly a representation of a foreign "Waldegrave," edged by rolling meads and enriched by a bit of "moor and fen and crag," as the entire colony, perhaps, exhibited. Between the Sagamore Ponus' precincts in the southwestern portion of this landscape and his red brother Heckett's rural wekuwhum, about a league north, and backed by Woodpecker's Ridge in the distance, and fronted by the near-by William Haynes English wold, the seat of the later St. John, Silliman and Mitchell residences, and of the still later Parker, Bright, Rogers, Bond, Skiddy and Childs summer haunts, stretched a charmingly diversified expanse, which to-day, surveyed from the twin New Canaan spires, forms a lovely picture.

Within the limits of this romantic tract began the sylvan serpentine Ponasses Path, which for some ten miles wound on, through, over and past Ponus Hollow and White Oak Shade and Spring Hill, and **Keeler's slave-quarters** at the head of Belden Avenue, and the Benedict and Seymour domains, (near the present Norwalk Armory) until it finally terminated not far from the thither edge of what the settlers styled the "great meadow on the other side of the river," the level center to-day of the city of South Norwalk.

This path, Norwalk's oldest path, had perhaps political significance. Ponus was a warrior, and his three sons—Onox, Taphance and Owenoke—were, as regards warfare, to the manor born. Mahackemo, Noxanowe, Proxanowe, Poranhunne and Womansunne were Norwalk braves who, with Ponus, were compelled to pay tribute to the stronger tribes of the north. There were times when this tax-payment was delayed. This incensed the upper chieftains, who made fierce descent upon the Sachemdoms near the Sound, and dis-

committee seem convinced that the contemplated and already commenced improvements would, after all, prove inadequate; hence the order that "the mill must desist," and "not be carried on," and that its three "undertakers," without delay, advise with Lieut. Swain (probably Samuel Swain who built the Stamford mill) and make the best terms possible with him for labor and material up to that time performed and employed. Having done this Thomas Fitch, Nathaniel Richards and Richard Olmstead proceed to erect a "damne" either farther down the same stream, or more probably, at the mouth of mill brook<sup>b</sup> (see page 35, line 6). This would flood a greater surface and furnish a larger water supply. It is barely possible that the remains of the first mill were tem-

porarily utilized at the new dam. The town's terms about this time to Jonathan Marsh, a new comer, might possibly be construed to so intimate. A proposition seems now to have been made Marsh "to build a corn mill sufficient for all purposes." Articles of agreement were drawn up and the work began and finally finished. Jonathan Marsh "ran" the establishment for six or so years, and then, with the town's consent, sold everything out to Nathaniel Richards. The population grew; "mill-brooks," <sup>a</sup> and <sup>b</sup>,\* although considerable streams in that day, were, after all, intermittent, and beyond doubt, insufficient, and the problem of eight or ten years before, again confronted the founders.

It is unfortunate, in the interests of Norwalk

\* On page 35, line 6, mill-brook (b) is designated as Allen Betts' brook, because said Betts controls, in 1896, such a portion

of it. It is indicated as mill-brook (b) to distinguish it from the first-named brook, which is lettered (a).



ruined, despoiled and destroyed them. It was necessary, at seasons when such danger was imminent, that adjoining leaders should confer and co-operate. Hence one origin-explanation of Ponasses Path.

After, however, Ponus was laid away in that pathetically lonely lot-corner found to-day in Ponus Street, New Canaan, to which burial-spot\* tradition has all along certified, and after he was followed hence by his favorite grandson Powahay, whose sightly grounds, a number of miles to the northwest of his grandfather's, were many years since purchased by the patriot John Jay, and now form part of the splendid Bedford-Jay estate; after Mahackemo was known only by his namesake Norwalk meadow on the Saugatuck; after Naramake's and Pemanante's burial-hill near Barren Marsh, on Norwalk harbor, was built, Ponasses Path became character-changed. Onox, Ponus' oldest boy, habitated, as a written reference intimates, elsewhere; Taphance, his second son, lived under a cloud, he was charged with murder, albeit, in justice to his memory it ought to be stated that

nothing history, that a record at the foot of the page of one of the "proprietor's books," should be so faded and torn as to be illegible. The record introduces the Whitney name, and it evidently treats upon the matter under consideration, but its full result cannot now be ascertained. Mr. Whitney had, presumably, something to say upon the subject, the record to which was, quite possibly, the short tenure of Nathaniel Richards (who held the property only a period) and the grander Whitney scheme of abandoning the former smaller accommodations,† and building a capacious structure at the "Point of Rocks" at the mouth of Norwalk river, by "the falls." It can be imagined that at the meeting held July 29th, 1665, Thomas Fitch, Lieut. Olmstead and Mr. Fenn gladly surrendered the tentative and troublesome primal projects, and welcomed the progressive ideas of Henry Whitney. Before this meeting adjourned there was granted to Mr. Whitney a home-lot in the near neighborhood of the mill-site. The earliest mill-site passed out of existence millwise, and was succeeded by John Nash's tannery, the said Nash retaining of the former facilities, only the water feature.

It may be remarked that Henry Whitney's removal of the milling interest was, probably, the entering wedge of the success, for two centuries, of upper over lower Norwalk. Norwalk was not then out of its teens in age, but the mill was even now the magnet. The millwright drew the wheelwright, the carpenter and the blacksmith, and of course their families and shops and apprentices. There was but little or no "back country" at that time, but the farmers from the home division (East Norwalk) and

the second division (South Norwalk) and from Strawberry Hill, and Saugatuck Playne, and not a great while afterward, from Cranberry and Poplar Plains, and Chestnut and Belden Hills, learned the way to Whitney's Mill. Hither they brought their produce, which created a market, and store and sloop quickly succeeded. This was the start. Had the tide-mill conception earlier entered the fathers' minds, East Norwalk's supremacy might have been less easily lost.

The story of the old corner mills, Nos. 1 and 2, at The Bridge,‡ is not devoid of interest. Tryon destroyed mill No. 1, but the age of No. 2 was great, its posts, joists, rafters and window-panes being gray with the dust of generations. Its wheels were a marvel to young eyes, and its music, if sometimes monotonous, is not an unpleasant memory. It proudly defied the ravages of many a spring freshet, and stood venerably immovable until touched by the hand of improvement, when it disappeared much more quickly than it arose. Among the names of its owners since Capt. Josiah Thatcher's day, are Gen. Joshua King, Taylor Sherman, Jabez Gregory, Benj. Isaacs and Samuel Cannon. John Adams had temporary quarters in its vicinity. Lafayette, if not Dr. Dwight, rode under its "bucket" overshot, and Madame Knight, 190 years ago, across its predecessor's bridge-planks. Mill No. 1 was consumed by Tryon's faggots, but a spell seemed to protect No. 2 from fire and flood, until it fell to Joseph W. Hubbell and Stephen Raymond to conclude, in 1854, a business that millionaire Stephen Whitney's great-grand-uncle, Henry Whitney, in 1665, there commenced.

†At mill-brooks "a" and "b." Previous to the building of the mill at the corner, (Hubbell estate corner 1856) there was evidently a mill at the foot of Mill-Hill, north side. A dam thereat is deed-alluded to.

‡The title of "The Bridge," the name which Norwalk's business center has long borne, originated, doubtless, in the ancient title of the same locality, viz.: the Great Bridge.

\*Action taken in New Canaan, Sept. 10, 1856, to mark it.



Wilderness tract

(Rotten Hill  
Punakopu)

Pine Valley

the Court dismissed his case on the ground of insufficient evidence); Owenoke, Ponus' baby, for whom the Haynes Ridge of the seventeenth is, at this closing nineteenth century, named, appears to have wandered a long distance from his birth-place; so that Ponasses Path fell, gradually, to European use. Fleet savage feet no longer traversed it, but swift English steps—the steps of the Fitch's, Hoyt's, Hanford's and Raymonds, when boys,<sup>1</sup> bounded along its bushy between. It came, doubtless, to be merrily enjoyed by white, blithe souls, blithe as the invigorating morning air nerved them forward, and still more blithe as, laden with game and fruit, they returned at night from their day's sport.

"All roads lead to Rome;" and, stationed upon the Prowitt East Avenue corner, the site of the first place of Christian worship in Norwalk, one readily discerns how the oldest Norwalk paths, excepting Ponasses, conducted, intentionally or otherwise, directly to the fathers' sanctuary.

#### THE ANCIENT HOME-LOTS.

The first house erected in Norwalk was, it is fair to argue, the "company" or "common house." The advance-guard (all men) of pioneers required immediate shelter. These, *en route* from the coast, *via* Saugatuck ford and the Norwalk rocks, finally stopped, on their way to the coast level, in the depressed rear, tradition states, of the present Prowitt residence in East Norwalk. This point bordered the old Fairfield path, already in existence, which fact quite possibly determined the halt that was made beside it. Here the new-comers at once commenced to fell the timber wherewith to throw together the walls and roofing within and under which they could wait until hasty survey was made and building sites decided upon. They were here, probably, first called to order and organized. Richard Olmsted was made surveyor, and the corner formed by the bend in the Fairfield Path (see diagram on next page, lot between Nos. 8 and 10) very likely suggested itself to them as the proper situation for the meeting-house and the Indian-compelled drill-ground. Their minister was not yet chosen, but when the surveyor ran his straight line from The Cove-bank north to the brow of the hill (now Earle's) a commodious corner-lot was reserved for a parsonage. By reference to the following diagram,<sup>2</sup> the home-lots of the pioneers may be more easily traced.

<sup>1</sup> It has been suggested that ancient Norwalk's young blood may have been partially responsible for New Canaan's origin, and the surmise that its settlement was devised around the supper tables of the Norwalk planters, may not be so greatly wide of the mark. The settlers' sons had, doubtless, their own way of passing the infrequent holidays of the period. A wierd path, (Ponasses) already in existence at the date of the pioneers arrival, led to the land of pigeons, partridges, wild fruit and honey, and as their boys after a day's adventure out returned, and at the even-

ing board recited their experiences, the attention of the elders might have been drawn to these new-found precincts of plenty, which they determined to be a land of promise, and denominated it Canaan.

<sup>2</sup> This diagram, depicted for condensation and convenience sakes, on the next page, exhibits the home-lots of the Norwalk fathers, the histories of whom will follow in their proper places. As two of said primitive lot-holders had hardly more than nominal connection with early Norwalk, it is in order here to make reference to Joseph Fitch, of lot

Richard Seymour and Mercie  
-1655  
Thomas Seymour of Howells  
John Seymour  
Isabella Seymour  
Richard Seymour

## ANCIENT NORWALK ARCHITECTURE.

As to early Norwalk architecture, we have hardly even fugitive reference. The first dwellings were log cabins, hastily planned and planted. The work of framing to any considerable extent was contingent to the erection of the saw-mill; consequently "millbrook" and subsequently one or two sites on the stream which coursed that "lonesome valley" above "the point of rocks" at the head of the creek, now "The Bridge," were promptly utilized. The needful was a cardinal consideration with the Norwalk fathers, whose conceptions as to present necessities were clear. The era when skilled workmen were to manipulate "elaborate machines and produce the cloth we wear" had not yet dawned, neither the day when "jars and bottles were to magically grow upon the potter's wheel;" but the time wherein to build the grist-mill, the blacksmith shop and the school-house had arrived, to developments in which primitive and serviceable directions the settlers consistently bent their energies.

5, and John Steele of lot 22, both of whom were transient proprietors.

X **Joseph Fitch of lot 5, brother of Thos. Fitch, Sr.,** and permanent settler, was a possessor of Norwalk meadow property, (south of East Norwalk school building and embracing the site bought in 1896 by St. Paul's parish for an East Norwalk chapel) but did not long remain (three years) to enjoy it. He sold everything out, "home-lot, housings and all other parcels of land of any kind" to Mark St. John, and went from Norwalk to Northampton, Mass., and thence to Hartford, where he married Mary, the youngest daughter of the "acute and accurate" Rev. Samuel Stone, who was the Hartford successor of the Rev. Thomas Hooker, the founder of the Connecticut capital. He had three children, Joseph,<sup>2d</sup> Nathaniel and Samuel. Joseph<sup>2d</sup> resided at Windsor, Conn., where he died in 1697, leaving a son, Joseph Fitch,<sup>3d</sup> who married Sarah Shaler, of Bolton, Conn. Their son John, born Jan. 21, 1743, was the **INVENTOR OF STEAMBOATS**. In reference to this achievement of a great-grandson of one of the Norwalk founders, it is affirmed "that if the inventions of others which Fulton had copied were removed from his boat, nothing would be left but the hull." John Fitch, the steam-craft originator, married Dec. 29, 1766, Lucy Roberts of Simsbury, Conn. His brother Augustus married January 22, 1760, Editha Field of Hadfield, Mass., and had John, who came to New Canaan for his wife, finding her in Lucy Mather, born in 1770, in Canaan parish. Mrs. Lucy (Mather) Fitch lived to the age of ninety-two. Her son was the distinguished Augustus Field Fitch, M.D., of Charleston, South Carolina.

Hon. John Steele, of lot 22, was the first secretary to the government of Hartford. He belonged

in Farmington, but was a Hartford magistrate. It is probable that he was simply a Norwalk property holder—not a resident of the town. He married the widow of Richard Seymour, Sr. Mr. Seymour was one of the first Norwalk settlers removed by death. He died in 1655 at his home, southeast corner of the present East Avenue and Fitch Street, leaving his wife Mercie and his oldest son Thomas, to take care of the three younger boys, John, Zachary and Richard.<sup>2d</sup> In the ordering of Providence Thomas was to found the large Seymour family of Norwalk, and the other sons, particularly John, to head prominent households elsewhere. The widow married, second, Hon. John Steele of Farmington and Hartford, and the three younger lads accompanied their mother to their step-father's home. Mr. Steele died Nov. 25, 1665, having been a faithful and good step-father to his foster Seymour children. He sold to the first Matthias St. John, the earliest St. John home. He was a notable man at the colony's seat. By his first wife he was the ancestor of Gen. Walter Phelps, brother-in-law of the Connecticut poet, Rev. George H. Nichols, D.D., who was the father of Mrs. William H. Barnum, Jr., of Lime Rock, Conn.

Asabel Steele, who married Nov. 16, 1806, Sophia Seymour, born in Norwalk (Canaan parish) Feb. 25, 1790, daughter of Samuel and Anne (Whitney) Seymour, and grand-daughter of David and Elizabeth (Hyatt) Whitney, was a descendant in the seventh generation from Hon. John Steele.

"From 'Hyatt's Hill'" (the Main Street declivity at the foot of which formerly stood Lamb's blacksmith shop) to the old Whitney mill, there anciently stretched a well-wooded and well-watered valley. This valley is now the site of the populous lower end of Main Street.





Referring to the ancient hearthstones of Norwalk, Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Bouton, nearly fifty years ago, wrote of the "one story and a half or two stories with back roofs running slanting and low," which is, unquestionably, a good description of the houses of days ago. The chimney was a feature and in one sense a factor, for not only was warmth demanded, but fuel being superabundant, had to be disposed of, so that the fire-place, sufficiently commodious to take in logs five feet in length, performed the double office of heating and consuming; which explains the New England "chimney viewers" object and "ladder" ordinance. The former was a sort of patrolman, whose duty it was to see that the generous flues were kept soot clean, so diminishing the fire risks, and the latter was a practical precaution, as the ladder—sometimes a fallen tree instead—afforded quick approach to a burning cinder's lodgment in the roof upon which the chimney's roaring draft had precipitated it.

The early Norwalk dwellings would seem to have been substantially but simply built, and as to any distinction between the same, it is more likely that the structure's size, rather than style, indicated its owner's rating. There is nothing to show that Thomas Fitch, the wealthiest man in the plantation, had any other than a plain dwelling-house. Whether there was a solitary conventional "Cape Cod house" in the Norwalk of the past it is impossible to state, but anything much more elaborate is hardly suspected. There was not, in all of old Norwalk, probably, a single example of the colonial enclosed two-story porch. There were a few such in New England at the end of the seventeenth century (notably at Hartford and Windsor), but their Norwalk substitute, then and later, was the old-fashioned lean-to, which afforded the extra dormitory accommodations in the rear rather than in front. There is doubt as to the pretentious character of, perhaps, any of the oldest hearthstones.<sup>2</sup> The little hand of man, which the Hindoo declares is omnipotent, was here hard employed in digging under the rocks, draining the swamps, driving the saw that spliced the tough logs, hammering the metal into spikes and nails, and in keeping the red man at a distance and the wolf at bay. Hard working Norwalk hands were heavily employed betwixt 1650 and 1700. We read, indeed, of one "comely porch" of that day. The Reed house, of Reed's Farms, may have attracted notice, and possibly "my mansion house in Norwalk," mentioned by James Brown in his last will and testament, bearing date 1766, had been inherited from his father, and was, therefore, standing before 1700; but severe dwelling, dress and demeanor-simplicity was the rule from which the "four," not "forty-acre" men of 1650 did not, in the majority of instances, deviate.

As we come down from that period a gradual change is observed, and still we must

<sup>1</sup>"At a meetinge holden the 21st of January, 1655, by the inhabitants of Norwake, voted and agreed that every householder shall provide, erect, and sett up a good and sufficient ladder reaching up to the chimney above the house, the said ladder to be made and sett up within one mounthe after the date hereof, and that if any householder shall be defective herein, the said

householder shall — of five shillings to the use of the town."

<sup>2</sup>Madame Knight, in her 1704 Diary, thus records: "Wee hastened forward, only observing in our way the town (Norwalk) to be situated on a navigable river, with indifferent buildings."



look a house generation yet farther on before is found the connecting link between the primitive double front-door<sup>1</sup> of the closing seventeenth and the picturesque Norwalk abodes of the ending nineteenth century.

The town's mid-period architecture was heralded by the rearing of the homes of the Rev. Roswell Swan, Jonathan Fitch, Lewis Mallory, Wm. and Stephen St. John, Wm. Maltby Betts, William and Eliphalet Lockwood, Jonathan Knight, Samuel, James and John Cannon, Thomas and Ebenezer Hoyt, Jarvis Street, Jabez Gregory, Richard Bryan, Ebenezer Phillips, Alfred Chichester, James Quintard, Ralph Isaacs, John and Isaac Belden, David Lambert, Abijah Comstock, Elisha Silliman, Samuel St. John, Matthew Marvin,<sup>2</sup> Joseph Scribner and Jacob Jennings. The Swan, Eliphalet Lockwood, William St. John and Scribner houses were more or less elevation-imposing. The Samuel Cannon and Thomas Hoyt dwellings have been deprived of their "colonial stoop," but are to-day fine specimens of Norwalk building mediævalism. The Ebenezer Phillips<sup>3</sup> house has been tastefully modernized. The Abijah Comstock home exhibits one of the finest specimens left of Norwalk's middle-period "halls." The Eliza Selleck house on West Avenue is comfort-historic. The John Cannon house, although externally changed, shows the "central hall" of the period next before the "middle," and still preserves its rare super-mantel hand-work ornamentation. The Samuel St. John mansion, one of the best specimens of the fathers' house erections, has

<sup>1</sup>History so far repeats itself as that the fathers' double front-door is almost a "fad" to-day. The uses of the same in past time were several. After the breakfast-table was "cleared away," the morning's milk "set," the back stoop and well-stones swept, the men gone down to "the fields," and the boys had driven the cows to "the neck," and while the girls were bringing out the spinning-wheel and the wool for the noon stent, there was likely to be the mother's knickerbocker-like lookout for a few moments at the bough-shaded front door, a "down town" practice of as recent observance as fifty years ago. The picture of Gov. Fitch's grand-daughter, Mrs. Samuel Fitch, standing in the early morn at that portal to salute a passing neighbor, or make a friendly inquiry, is a present memory. From Thanksgiving Day in the fall through to "Training Day" in the spring, the front door, for the greater portion of the time was closed, but when the birds\* came again and the "willows a-greening went," it was an institution. The arrangement served also as a protection. With its lower half bolted there was a sense of safety should "James the Indian" or any stranger James seek admission. Later down, as in the Rogers' days, the divided portal served a very agreeable purpose, when, behind its shut-under but open upper section,

summer afternoon teas were given at the hall table, waxen until "it shone the day to grace." A fine specimen of one of these halls is shown in the two Cannon houses on Mill Hill and The Green, and also in the Comstock hall near Vista. Mrs. Major Samuel Comstock made this apartment (different somewhat from the Cannon's) serve the purpose, in winter, of a conservatory.

<sup>2</sup>This Wilton house was modelled after the Norwalk Stephen St. John home.

<sup>3</sup>The Phillips home was astrin on at least two notable occasions, the first being that of a military salute paid the family by a company of United States regulars, marching under command of Mrs. Mary Phillips' nephew, Capt. Samuel Keeler, from Fort Griswold, New London, to Detroit, Michigan, where they were ordered to assist in quelling Indian disturbances, and who, drawn up en route in line in Norwalk, splendidly gave the compliment referred to. The second occasion was that of a large evening gathering, when Mrs. Phillips' daughter Sally was wedded to William Stuart by, as the last official act of his life, Rev. Roswell Swann, the generous accommodations of the old home being so taxed that "benches" were brought in for the use of the guests.

\*Years after Gov. Fitch's decease, and in the almost reconstructed Fitch dwelling, (after Tryon's conflagration) lay one of the Governor's kin passing, at early dawn, so purely peacefully away as that her watchers, in order to test whether the

spirit had or had not finally flown, asked whether the lingerer desired anything. In softest tones the lips of the expiring one breathed, "I am listening to hear the birds sing God's praise."

The Fitch trees were inviting nesting-places for the birds.

Samuel Marvin Fitch  
&  
Esther dau Tim.





Unfortunately been swept away by fire, while the Jacob Jennings hearthstone has suffered considerable change. When its founder, with possibly his great-grandfather's elegant Fairfield site in mind, came to Norwalk and chose the crest of "Harry's Hill Jr." as the like seat of dwelling, he built thereon an imposing structure for the period. The internal wood-work was of oak and the tiling was borrowed from the Yonkers Manor-House pattern. The gable has now entirely disappeared, and its loss cannot be accounted for. Captain Josiah Hatcher had parted with sufficient acreage for the Jennings accommodation, and as the land in front encroached less than to-day upon the premises, it was, with its green western meadow, and ample rear garden, and well-started plants and trees, a handsome home, to which, when all was completed, and the residence furnished, Mr. Jennings brought his welcomed son-in-law bride.

A fair specimen of the average pre-revolutionary dwelling is still preserved in the home of Henry Williams home-house at Allen Betts' saw-mill. This house was built for Josiah, son of Moses St. John. The father deeded the lot, "three acres each side of mill-brook," to his son on Nov. 20, 1770, and as the son had recently married, (Dec. 27, 1768) it is probable that the house was built at that time, making, if so, its age to-day to be one hundred and twenty-six years. The lot was bounded on the west by the old-time Platt road (now the Camp estate and Cornwall properties.) A little northeast of the building rose a slight eminence, of which the existing road is a part, which eminence was surrounded by a work-shop. It is a handed-down mention that Tryon's men, who were engaged in action near by, might have destroyed the, at that time, new house had not their shots given out. In Josiah and Mary (Fitch) St. John's day, the brook was quite a stream, and the old pair utilized it. Mrs. St. John was brought up in one of the most picturesque neighborhoods of early Norwalk (southeastern New Canaan) and she never forgot her birth-place love. In visiting her childhood home and in receiving visits from her birth-spot relations and friends, she appeared to take delight. In tea-pouring and tea-taking she also found pure comfort. Her patriotic father-in-law, Moses St. John, who lived near by, remonstrated with her for her generous use, during the war, of the taxed mill-herage, claiming that she was thereby promoting the interests of the royal cause, but for

Jacob Jennings, born Dec. 9, 1730, was a son of Isaac and Phoebe Jennings of Fairfield. He married Elizabeth, 1762, Grace, daughter of Isaac and Lydia Cannon of Boston. Mrs. Jennings lost her parents in early life and was brought up by an uncle. She was a lady of culture, and a prized addition to Norwalk society. Her family was large, but she entertained her friends and found time to teach her children. She survived her husband, and finally died in the effects of an injury received in making a step on a lower stairway in her still standing home-saved dwelling.

Lucretia, sister of Jacob Jennings, married Henry Marquand of Fairfield, and was only about three

months younger than her husband. Isaac, the son of Henry and Lucretia Marquand, married Mabel, daughter of Peter Perry, who was nephew of Mrs. John Cannon, Sr., of Norwalk. Isaac Marquand was for a time associated with his uncle, Jacob Jennings, as a learner of the silver-art, in Main Street, Norwalk. His two sons were the banker Henry Marquand, of New York City Metropolitan Museum fame, and Frederick, the munificent donor to Yale College.

Mrs. Isaac Marquand's brother, Walter Perry, who was also Mrs. John Cannon, Sr.'s grand-nephew, was the father of Oliver H. Perry, whose sons John H. and Winthrop H. Perry, are well-known members of the Fairfield County bar to-day.

*claw of Matthew?*



all this the caller at the house to-day will discover the chimney, from the crane of which hung the kettle of always ready "steeping" water.

x A portion of what is, in 1896, known as the Selleck house, on West Avenue, is of ante-revolutionary date. It was originally Belden property, and belonged to the fourteen-acre homestead of John and Rebecca (Bartlett) Belden. After the parents' day, it fell to the ownership of their children, four of whom, Mary Esther, Sarah, Amos and Henry sold on March 18, 1796, their share in the estate (two-thirds) to their brothers Isaac and John, who divided the fourteen acres between themselves, Isaac taking the south half and John the north portion. Isaac married the daughter of one of Norwalk's principal men of those earlier and more simple days, Matthew Reed, and lived in what is now known as the DeKlyn house. John was unmarried and resided in what is to-day the Selleck house. After John Belden's use of the premises, his brother Henry occupied the same for a time and he, at the instigation of his wife, erected the milk-house addition which is to-day observed on the north side. The back roof at that time ran almost to the ground, and under its west section, floored with stone, was kept the wood for winter, but the space was reserved in summer for a "cooling" place in a hot day. The Beldens' rights in the property were finally bought out by Frederick St. John, son of William St. John and brother of <sup>poly</sup> Mrs. Col. Buckingham Lockwood. He had married Harriet, daughter of John Cannon, but had no children. He there lived and died, when the house and lot became the purchase of the widow of Zalmon Selleck, the mother of the present owner of the property, Mrs. Wm. K. James.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Selleck died in the South, leaving a widow and two children, one of whom, Henry, also died away from home, and the fine old place fell, consequently, to the mother and daughter, who there resided in great comfort. The building was set on fire by Garth's wing of Tryon's army, but as the men were hastening to cross the stream-rocks (site of iron bridge on Cross Street 1896) to join Tryon's forces, the house was probably left as soon as the torch had been applied, and was on that account, partially saved. After the conflagration a small building that stood on the Westport road was moved and made to become a part of the original Belden building.

x Another existing ante-revolutionary home is that of the lower Main Street Hoyt sisters and brothers. On May 15, 1764, Goold Hoyt, Sr., paid Capt. Josiah Thatcher, who then owned the old Whitney mill, £47-15s. for a lot of one-half acre and fifteen poles area and situated on "mill plain," now Main Street. Here Mr. Hoyt was to build the homey

<sup>1</sup>Mrs. James was there born. After her father's decease, and before her mother came permanently to occupy the house, it had a succession of professional tenants. Lawyer Alfred Apollos Holly, of Stamford and his wife Charlotte, daughter of Judge Chapman of Litchfield, resided there. Dr. John Adams McLean and his first wife, Catherine Hawley of Bridgeport, followed Mr. Holly. Subsequently David C. Sanford, a lawyer and his wife, a daughter

of Ozias Seymour of Litchfield, and a sister of Judge Origen S. Seymour of that place, there tenanted, and Mrs. Seymour died there. (Mr. Sanford married, <sup>2d</sup>, a sister of Rev. Edward Bull, once rector of Christ Church, Westport.) After Mr. Seymour's occupancy of the house, Moses Craft and his wife Esther Mary (Cannon) Craft there lived, and after Mr. Craft Rev. Sylvester Eaton, the seventh Congregational pastor of Norwalk.





earthstone, the residence to-day of his descendants. The summer following its purchase Mr. Hoyt married in Fairfield, and the new lot and house formed the future abode of the wedded pair. Their son Ebenezer was not yet three years old, and Munson, the youngest, was unborn, when, on Sunday morning, July 11, 1779, Garth marched his men in front of the Hoyt house. Mrs. Hoyt went into the street, if the tradition be correct, and made personal appeal. From the fact that the Hoyt's had not, the night previously, escaped to Belden's Hill, is argued that they had some ground whereon to base a hope for English clemency. Mrs. Hoyt was a daughter of Ebenezer Dimon of Fairfield, and as Gen. Tryon is known to have been a visitor at the Burr's, opposire the Dimon's, it is quite possible that she had met him on occasions of her after-marriage visits to her native home. At all events, the Hoyt house was spared, as was also, accepting the same authority, the Jennings (later McClure) house a little distance to the north, although in relation to this statement it should be added that the wind, on the morning of the town's burning, was blowing from the north or northwest, and as a barn belonging to a loyalist stood just south of the Jennings house, the latter was suffered to remain. Mr. Jennings and Mr. Hoyt paid the same price per acre for their lots. The great-grand children of the latter occupy to-day their forefather's premises.

There stand, to-day, in Norwalk, other structures of Revolutionary associations to be alluded to in their legitimate places, and in connection with the mention of the families to which they belonged.



*THE TIMOTHY WHITNEY HOUSE.*

Torn down by Bradley O. Banks in 1864.

A  
F. Eliza Dimmock b. abt. 1746  
Helen Dimmock - Mary Beard  
St. June 1746  
Moses Dimmock - Anne Dickney  
Moses " & Abigail Ward  
Thomas " , Fairfield settler

## THE LUDLOW-PURCHASE COAST DIVISIONS.

The oldest coast-parts, places and points of the Ludlow purchase<sup>1</sup> were the Head of the Harbor, Mill Brook Mouth, Mill Brook Bank, Creek Bank, Marsh Meadow Bank, Oyster Shell Point, Coaste Banke, Fort Poynt, The Ballast, *Fitch's and Gregory's Points*, Sension Beach, Calf Pasture, Half-Mile Island, Canfield's Island, Stephen's Island, Great Marsh, Bluff Point, Saugatuck Plain, Rocky Neck, Stony Brook Mouth, and, to coin a designation, Fatherford.<sup>2</sup> These all, barring the last, are ancient Norwalk names. What the founders termed the Head of the Harbor, is now the wharf properties of E. K. and F. St. John Lockwood. Mill Brook Mouth was the emptying point into the river of the Bark-Mill Brook, elsewhere in this work designated as "mill-brook b"; Mill Brook Bank is the pottery site. Creek Bank is the rear of the present Hubbell, Noble, Peck, Moody, Osborn, Thomas, Wood, Lockwood and Daskam places, and Marsh Meadow Bank that of the Gregory, Cram, Lynes and Hendrick properties.

The long known Oyster Shell Point was approached from the "towne street" by a lane, and as it lay close to the channel of the creek, a sort of wharf was there built, at which the harbor's smaller craft could land at low water. Permission to construct this wharf was given May 6, 1761, to *Thos. Fitch*, Jabez Raymond, Stephen St. John, Isaac Hayes, Jr., Haynes Hanford, Wm. Stanford, Jonathan Ketchum, John Cannon, Joseph Ketchum, John Raymond, *James Fitch*, Nathan Mallory, John Belden, Josiah Thatcher and Ralph Isaacs. The earliest Norwalk oysters were procured at this point.

The Coast Bank lay immediately below Oyster Shell Point.

Fort Point age-ranks Norwalk peninsula designations. It was the first "poynt" known to the founders, and the site before their day of an Indian fort, constructed by the red man for, possibly, a defence against the arrows of hostile natives, but more probably as a garrison in the event of onsets by the Manhattan Dutch. Its first English owner was John Gregory, Sr., who also controlled the two acres of salt meadow land immediately north of it. On April 3, 1689, Mr. Gregory gave the south portion of the land where "the Indian fort formerly stood" to his son Thomas Gregory.

From Fort Point eastward along the beach, as far as John Gregory's hill, lay a highway, and the following action, taken at a town meeting held Feb. 24, 1701, attests to the value set by the pioneers upon the same. "Agreed and voted, and it is by this act declared, that all the land from the Ballance (Ballast) place southward or southwest below John Gregory's dwelling house, all the common land from said Ballance (Ballast) place all along to the Fort Poynt to the extent west or northwest end of said Poynt shall be for a highway, let the breadth of sayd common land be what it will more or less." A wharf

<sup>1</sup>The high rock, "ye falles," and "the mouth of Norwalk river," now spanned by the stone bridge at the business centre of the city of Norwalk, lay between the two purchases of Ludlow and Partrick.

<sup>2</sup>A name not unsuitable for the point on the Saugatuck, at which the pioneers, in 1650-51, crossed to the west side of the same river, and thence proceeded to the east bank of the Norwalk river.





was built in 1737 from the beach at Fort Point as far out as the river's channel, by Samuel Comstock, John Marvin, Samuel Fitch and Joseph St. John.

"The Ballast" was a spot at which stones were sunken; it lay in the creek southwest of John Gregory's home. One explanation of it is that vessels there received ballast. Notice of it occurs in very early Norwalk records. There was also "The Ballast" at Pine Island on the west side of the river.

Fitch's Point<sup>1</sup> lay between Fort and Gregory's Points, in "the planting field called the Neck," and was undistinguished, excepting as a pasture locality, until Tryon there landed a wing of his invading army, in July, 1779. It was in the possession of the Fitch family, much of whose property was water-bordered. A typical farm cottage<sup>2</sup> stood, after the Revolutionary war, almost at the extremity of the Point, where it remained until within a few years, when it gave way to a row of modern dwellings. The cottage referred to was the meeting place of the Norwalk Mormons some fifty years ago. In the summer-tide of one of the "forties" of the present century, there came to this portion of Fairfield County a representative from the Mormon headquarters in Illinois. He was young, eloquent and enthusiastic, and drew multitudes in both Norwalk and New Canaan. His appeal in the latter place, based upon the prophecy, "woe to the land shadowing with wings which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia,<sup>3</sup> which wings he claimed were North and South America, made at least one New Canaan convert to Joseph Smith's creed. He was somewhat more successful in Norwalk, as several were immersed at Fitch's Point. His great and about the last public Mormon effort in Norwalk was brought to an abrupt close by an unexpected "gentile" reply from the assembly which crowded the bank at said Point.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The following will explain itself. In a letter dated Norwalk, Dec. 17, 1829, addressed by Capt. Samuel B. Warren to his son Dr. Hezekiah B. Warren of Medina, N. Y., occurs this passage: "The County of Fairfield obtained a grant last spring session of the Assembly, to build a work-house or house of correction. The committee appointed to locate the place for the house met last week at Fairfield. I was with them two days. They viewed five places, one at Bridgeport, one at Mill River, two at Saugatuck, one at Norwalk, which is the handsomest place and the most central. The committee have not decided as yet, but we think it will be in Norwalk, east side of the Old Well harbour, Fitch's Point."

<sup>2</sup>Built by Albert, son of Elijah Gregory. He professed the Mormon faith and was received as a disciple in the Old Well Academy, which stood near the site of the present Second Congregational Church, in South Norwalk. He was at first a stout opponent of Mormonism, but after his wife's acceptance of that belief, he soon yielded. He went west, where he was made a Mormon apostle. In the year 1842, this people had a sort of gathering on one of the

Norwalk islands, since which time the same has been known as "Nauyoo." When Albert Gregory's father died, his son was in the west. Having, however, been chosen to come east for the purpose of conducting a party of English pilgrims hence to Salt Lake city, he visited Norwalk and received his portion of the family patrimony. He departed with it and had reached St. Louis, where he fell a victim to cholera. His father's homestead was on the present Winnipauk road.

<sup>3</sup>Prophecy of Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>It was Sunday afternoon. A convert, a descendant of Norwalk's best stock, was to be immersed. Said convert had previously denounced Mormonism in violent terms and loudly denominated its followers "fools." But now he is so fired with the new religion as to attempt, while in the water, and just before immersion, a brief speech to the people. He began emphatically thus: "This fool," when one of the congregation, a Norwalk manufacturer and afterward Brooklyn mayor, shouted roundly out "We see you are." It was impossible to control the congregation and the meeting was dismissed.



Gregory's Point (Goodman Gregory's Neck, 1681, see Nathaniel Richards' will) is a locality-name of venerable age. The fathers' first designation of the place was "the poynt of coaste division," and they divided its seven and one-half acres between Matthew Campfield and John Gregory, Sr. Subsequently Mr. Campfield sold his part to Mr. Gregory, who deeded it to his wife Sarah,<sup>1</sup> with the understanding that she was to leave the same to their sons-in-law John and James Benedict, after whose possession it tentatively bore the title of Benedict's Point. It contained, in the Campfield-Gregory days, the acreage as before stated, and was bounded on all sides, save one, by tide-water. Richard Seymour first, Samuel St. John second and afterward Samuel Smith, a son-in-law of Matthew Marvin, Sr. owned the land to the north of the seven-and-a-half acre point.<sup>2</sup> This point, geographically defined, comprises, at this day, all the territory of that area lying south of a line drawn from Charles Creek west to Norwalk harbor, and bounded east, south and west by salt water. During all the Norwalk years, Gregory's Point has remained a prominent harbor projection. Meadow and sea-grasses were its ancient products, the cutting and curing of which, and the digging of soft clams at the Point's end, being about the only industry there practiced prior to the days of steamboat navigation, when a dock was built southwesterly out to the channel for the landing of passengers at certain states of the tide, and for the accommodation of Bridgeport boats, which there made a "stop" on their trips to and from New York. A little before the middle of the present century, a ship-builder of Huntington, L. I., Isaac Scudder Ketchum, conceived the idea of converting the Point into a ship-yard. He consequently purchased, on Sept. 15, 1837, of Curtis Peck, six-sixteenths, and on Sept. 21, 1837, of James Quintard, Algernon E. Beard and others, seven-sixteenths more of the property, and built what many remember to-day, the long two-story Gregory Point House, the west end of which contained, on the first floor, a square room for living and office purposes, directly over which was an apartment of the same size, but unplastered, which was used for the making and storing of models, leading out of which room was a loft for timber, and underneath this loft, on the ground floor, an open spacious area where work was done. Mr. Ketchum had progressed thus far with his project, when for some reason, he relinquished his purpose, and decided not to quit Huntington.<sup>3</sup> The property remained idle until the spring of 1851, when James W. Underhill, of Stockton, Cal., purchased the Point (seven acres) and house for \$993.50.<sup>4</sup> Isaac Scudder Ketchum built the first house, but Mr. Underhill built the first substantial dock at the Point. The "cribs," still standing, were made by

<sup>1</sup>By will executed Aug. 15, 1689. On Nov. 1, 1689, Mrs. Gregory was deceased, and her two sons-in-law, John and James Benedict, "declared themselves satisfied with their portion" of her estate.

<sup>2</sup>The pioneers early opened and operated a path to the Point. This path became a way or road after the town action of Dec. 10, 1710-11, when John Benedict, Sr. agreed to part, for "lawful and public use, with ye way that is and hath been improved along through said Benedict's land unto the said point,"

for the consideration of a grant of one-and-one-half acres near-by his father's home-lot. This, (see vol. iv, fol. 122, Norwalk Town Records) was the beginning of the future Gregory's Point Road.

<sup>3</sup>He bought Gregory's Point for a ship-yard, but his family objected to his quitting Long Island.

<sup>4</sup>Said Underhill was visiting relatives in Norwalk when the suggestion of the Point's purchase was made. He at once embraced the idea, and left for Huntington and accomplished his purpose.





im, and filled with stone brought from Goose and Cockenos Islands, and then planked over.

After spending something of a sum upon the premises, Underhill also gave up the name. The gold fever over, he returned from the Pacific Coast, and sold, on Aug. 2, 1855, the property to Capt. John Burke for \$1500, who enlarged the house and closed it in, making several improvements thereon, and upon the dock also. Burke there kept a hotel for several years, and finally sold out, July 29, 1859, to Philip W. Hardenbrook, of Harlem, N. Y., who completely re-modelled the house, converting the original 20x56 structure into a square building and making the whole spot more valuable and inviting. It afterward, with increased acreage, passed for \$12,000 on July 5, 1864, into the hands of Aaron W. Raymond, of Ravenswood, L. I., who held it nearly four years, selling it on May 1, 1868, for \$15,000. On this date it became the purchase of Henry F. Guthrie, Geo. S. Bell, C. C. St. John, Melville E. Mead and Thaddeus Bell, which gentlemen composed the "Gregory's Point Marine Railway Company," a body politic, incorporated by the General Assembly of Connecticut, (May session, 1868, and bill approved June 26, 1868.) The Point (twenty-five acres) was formally sold to this corporation on Aug. 17, 1868, and extensive ship-building arrangements were projected. The Marine Co., on Feb. 1, 1873, leased for five years from April 1, 1873, the hotel and dock portions of the Point to Geo. W. Hooper of Norwalk, at an annual rental of \$500.00, agreeing on March 15, 1873, to dispose of the leased portions to said Hooper upon the following terms, viz.: \$10,000 should purchase be made previous to April 1, 1873; \$11,000 if purchased before April 1, 1874; \$12,000 if purchased before April 1, 1875; \$13,000 if purchased before April 1, 1876; \$14,000 if purchased before April 1, 1877, or \$15,000 if purchased at the end of the lease, April 1, 1878. This scheme seems to have fallen through, as the Co. on Oct. 2, 1874, sold through its authorized agent, Henry F. Guthrie, the hotel and dock accommodations, (one-and-a-half acres) with six additional acres of near-by salt meadow, to Philetus Dorlon, of Brooklyn, N. Y., for the named consideration of \$7,000. The spot now took the name of Dorlon's Point, and Mr. Dorlon there, for several years, maintained a hotel establishment. After his death, the property passed into the hands of the present owner.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The long Fitch-tenure of Gregory's Point commenced Feb. 14, 1742-3, on which date the Point's possession passed from Thos. Benedict, Jr. to Samuel, the brother of Gov. Thos. Fitch, and Benedict's Point took again its old designation of Gregory's Point. The property now seems to have been Fitch-will-disposed of until it finally fell to Rebecca, daughter of Jonathan Fitch, and wife of James Mallory. Said Jonathan Fitch was a grandson of Samuel Fitch, the first Fitch owner of the Point. On Aug. 8, 1825, Jas. and Rebecca Mallory sold the Point to Uriah Seymour, the consideration being \$212.11. On March 17, 1830, Uriah Seymour mortgaged the property to Henry

Belden, who sold it on Nov. 5, 1833, to Seth Seymour. Two days afterward, on Nov. 7, 1833, Mr. Seymour sold it to Curtis Peck of New York, for \$800.00, who the same day disposed of one-eighth of it to Algeron E. Beard for \$100.00, and one-eighth to Arnot A. Nash for \$100.00, and one-eighth to James Quintard for \$100.00, and one-sixteenth to Thomas C. Hanford for \$50.00, and one-sixteenth to Raymond Benedict for \$50.00, and one-sixteenth to Daniel K. Nash for \$50.00. The Point was, in 1708, also called Little Marsh, and the path to it was that year alluded to as "a common highway." It was, from early times, a landing-place.



Sension (St. John) Beach lays adjacent to Round Beach, and between Gregory's Point and Calf Pasture. It is old clamming ground.

Calf Pasture was a name given by the first settlers to the extreme southward end of "The Neck." There the young animals were, at a proper time, driven from the parent stock and kept and cared for by persons regularly appointed by the pioneers for the work, or were "scowed" over to Calf Pasture island, somewhat to the southeast. Calf Pasture was fenced off from the planting and pasturage fields, and, extending from Charles Creek, it fronted Spruce Swamp, and was bounded on the east (at certain tides) by Half-Mile Island.

Half-Mile Island, one of the oldest Norwalk English designations, lay in what the settlers denominated the "lower plantinge field." Its "island" appellation would appear to have been a misnomer excepting at certain tide periodicities. A portion of its eastern estuary (Campfield's Creek) after forming its boundary in that direction, swept anciently around to the west, thus creating a northern basin-border, the water of which basin, escaping at certain extreme "apogeas" into the Sound on the south, and at a point not greatly distant from Spruce Swamp, afforded complete insulation, justifying, at such times, the locality's "island" descriptive.

There can be but little doubt that charterer Matthew Campfield, who was a vicinity proprietor, looked longingly upon the island, but it was originally owned, first by Stephen Beckwith and then John Ruscoe, the Huguenot, who held it until tempted by Samuel St. John, grandson of Matthias, the pioneer, to dispose, on Feb. 19, 1666, of a portion of it.<sup>1</sup> The island was traversed from east to west by a fertile semi-spine which, possibly, from time immemorial the debris-deposit of the sea had enriched, and the aborigines, with washed ashore marine-shell and blades, had cultivated. If its earliest story accorded with its somewhat later history, the finest corn in the old plantation was probably grown upon that ridge. So choice of the spot and so careful of its prolific characteristics was one of its long-gone tenants that he would permit only three stalks to a hill throughout its entire length. Pears,<sup>2</sup> peaches, and tempting plums have there been raised, and its soil-productiveness for many seasons remained a distinguished mark of the sea-girt domain. The sheltered salt-grass meadow at the north of the island was formerly held as a distinct property. Caleb Hoyt neighbor, on the opposite side of the street, of Gov. Fitch, bequeathed it by will, Sept. 3, 1747, to his three sons. During the Revolutionary war there was a salt-works establishment upon the island.

On Sept. 3, 1821, occurred the "great September gale" which visited the coast and

<sup>1</sup>After Mr. St. John's death, it became the property of his estate. His daughter Elizabeth, together with her husband, John Raymond, cousin of Joshua of Block Island, sold it on June 29, 1728, to Thomas, father of Gov. Fitch. It afterwards fell to the Governor's brother Samuel, the grandfather of Moses Rogers of Shippan Point.

<sup>2</sup>The old Half-Mile Isle pear tree stood about one hundred and fifty feet eastward of the present Langdon dwelling house, a short distance from which was a small orchard of bearing plum trees. There were these before, and the sea and land and blue sky, but not the "tangible joy in the grass and flowers" that there is to-day.



worked great destruction. The afternoon had been dark, and a few minutes before sun-down it became evident that a terrible visitation of wind and rain was at hand. The storm is said to have commenced at Norfolk, Va., an hour or so before noon. It reached Norwalk at about 6 o'clock in the evening, and it spent itself on the Massachusetts coast at midnight. It overtook the Norwalk packet, *THE SLOW AND EASY*, Uriah Selleck's owner, and sank it. It leveled between one and two hundred large chestnut trees standing on some four acres a few miles out of Norwalk, and unroofed houses in every direction. The Norwalk shore was in its direct path, and Half-Mile Island and other marine sections were particularly exposed. The storm of 1833 shifted much of the sand of this same island from the east side to the west side, and on Dec. 17, 1833, the tide rose to such an extreme height that it made three distinct islands of the one. On Feb. 5, 1845, the island is said to have been surrounded by banks of snow six or seven feet high.

After the farm use of Half-Mile Island by the St. John's, Raymond's and Fitch's, the frame of a dwelling<sup>2</sup> which formerly stood on the path to the "Ballast," was thither removed, and the beach's orient end became the site of an humble but happy home-hearth. Grandmother Gregory<sup>3</sup> was the head, for many years, of this hearth-stone, and was ever and anon seen standing at her southeast-facing door, looking at the sails in the offing, or listening to the plaintive note of some distant sea bird.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The Norwalk wharf of this sailing vessel adjoined the present coal yard of Charles T. Leonard. Uriah Selleck there had a store, at the rear dock of which the first steamboat put upon the Norwalk route had wharfage. His business partner, at one time, was Samuel St. John of New Canaan, the father of the late Wm. and Prof. Samuel St. John. Mr. Selleck had married, May 18, 1784, Hannah Smith of Darien, and a direct descendant of Mr. Wm. Haynes, of Haynes' Ridge. These had two children, Zalmon and Nancy, the first of whom, born March 31, 1795, was the father of Mrs. Maria (Selleck) James of Wall Street, Norwalk. The Uriah Selleck home became, afterward, that of Matthias Hubbell, in Main Street.

Evert Quintard, born 1798, in South Norwalk, commenced learning his trade (cabinet-maker) in the house, still standing, northwest cor. of North Avenue and Camp Street. Zalmon Hanford was the occupant of the premises, and the rooms in which Chas. R., father of Gen. Wm. T. Sherman, had enjoyed old Samuel Camp's evening musicales, were now appropriated as furniture quarters. During Mr. Quintard's apprenticeship Mr. Hanford removed to the Uriah Selleck house, which he occupied until about the time of its purchase by Matthias Hubbell. Mr. Hanford there built the cabinet shop that was afterward moved and used by Mr. Quintard, on the site to-day known as 152 Main Street.

<sup>2</sup>This dwelling was the home of Abraham Gregory, which stood a short distance below the ancient burying-ground.

<sup>3</sup>She was the widow of John Betts Gregory. Her husband was the son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Betts) Gregory, who lived where the late Henry Marvin resided, on East Avenue, and south of the ancient Beacham Lane. It was the oaken frame of Abraham Gregory's house which was removed in 1831 to Half-Mile Island, and formed the west end of old Mrs. Gregory's cottage at the Point. John Betts Gregory learned his trade (potter) of Absalom Day of "Old Well." After his marriage to Olive, born 1786, daughter of Aaron and Hannah (Weeks) Raymond, and grand-daughter of the soldier, Simeon Raymond of "Old Well," he had a good business offer from Huntington, L. I., which he accepted. He afterward established a pottery in Clinton, Oneida Co., N. Y., which required a building 140x40 for his operations. He returned in 1831 to Norwalk, and bought from Samuel Hanford Half-Mile Isle, paying for the same \$325.00. He there built a kiln for the burning of earthen and stoneware. The kiln was erected during the cholera year (1832) by masons Lewis and George Raymond of "Old Well." The business was here kept up until 1840. Mr. Gregory died July 22, 1842, leaving a widow, who survived him until 1883. His children were Charles E., who lived at the present Langdon west-end entrance, and was drowned; Geo. W., who resides in Saugatuck; John W.; Mary Jane (Mrs. Rev. W. B. Hoyt); Harriet (Mrs. Rev. Harvey Camp) and Eliza (Mrs. Gay.)

<sup>4</sup>The notes of a species of sea-fowl, heard thereat, were, especially at shut of day, soothingly pathetic.





As this good woman was about to sit at her supper-table on the evening of Jan. 13, 1840, she observed that her cottage walls were red from lurid gleams which entered the southwest window-panes. Springing to the door her eye caught, from over Mamachimons Island, the reflections from the burning steamboat Lexington. The wind was blowing freshly from the west. The weather was intensely cold, but while the Norwalk and New York steamboat was ice-locked at Old Well, (South Norwalk) yet was the bay off Half-Mile Isle as unobstructed as in summer. There was a small boat at the island, and the first thought was to launch it, but the craft was unrigged and in winter quarters, and so out of service. The burning steamer, as watched from the island, threw such brilliant flames upward that, when off Goose Island, the machinery was plainly seen. There was a strong ebb tide, and, as it appeared from Half-Mile Island, the Lexington sank when about abreast of Old Field Point.

Half-Mile Island remained largely in the possession of the Gregory's (old Mrs. Gregory's son, Charles E., lived at the west end) for many years. On Jan. 15, 1873, Louisa Byxbee sold a portion of it to Woodbury G. Langdon, and six days afterward Mr. Langdon bought another section of the island from Charles W. and Wm. H. Hoyt. On Feb. 1, 1873, Nancy Gregory, (widow of Charles E. and daughter-in-law of "grandmother" Gregory) who had, through different vicissitudes, for a series of years, possessed her water-side half-acre home (now the site of the Langdon gate-house), disposed of it to Mr. Langdon, and on the 7th day of the same month James Mitchell sold the balance of the property, for several thousand dollars, to the same new proprietor. Mr. Langdon now built his summer villa and laid out its beautiful lawn, where Elijah Gregory once raised his corn which attained the height of fourteen feet, and a few rods south of one of the most prolific peach patches of the olden "down town."

Mr. Langdon increased his Norwalk acreage by the purchase, May 8, 1874, from Chas. W. and Wm. H. Hoyt, of Sprites Island, and on June 15, 1874, from Henry A. Smith, of Campfield's Islands thirty-four acres, and Aug. 20, 1874, of Calf Pasture Island, and April 16, 1875, of Goose Island.

Campfield's Island, in the immediate vicinity of Half-Mile Island, and separated from it by Campfield Creek, rightly bears the name of its early proprietor, the only Norwalk settler who had the honor of being a Connecticut charterer, and whose remains now, it is supposed, rest beneath one of the public buildings in the city of Newark, N. J. The town granted the island to Matthew Campfield soon after he came to Norwalk. Its owner removed to New Jersey and made over his Norwalk property to his son Samuel. In March, 1672, Samuel Campfield sold a part of the island to Ephraim Lockwood, who, just before he died in 1685, deeded it to his son James, great-grandfather of Chancellor James Kent. A well-defined turf-divided road traversed the island, and paying crops have there been secured. A delightful use to which the same was formerly put was that of an annual after-harvest social gathering-ground for the old "down town" (East Norwalk) fathers, mothers and



children. The island, one day in the year, was alive with numbers, vocal with cheer, and spread with laden tables, the memory of which is one of the happiest of Norwalk reminiscences. In high summer and at full moon and full sea Campfield's Grove was a fascinating spot. It forms to-day a part of the Langdon Marina, being connected by a bridge with Half-Mile Island.

From Campfield's Island a small creek led to Stephen's Island, which was not distant from the main land. Here, for some time, lived the parent, a silver-craftsman, of the late Alfred Jackson of Norwalk, and his brother Le Grand, now the Wall Street jeweler.

East of Campfield's Island skirted a coast-line to the extreme southeast point of the Ludlow purchase. This line has been broken in modern days by the Westport ship canal, built years ago by the U. S. Government, under contract with Silas Meeker of Norwalk, which canal is the site of the Norwalk pioneers "hithermost wading place" at Great Marsh, to which Elbow Creek was the entrance. Between the canal and Campfield's Island was a small creek (Smith's Beach Creek) which connected Campfield's Island and Stephen's Island creeks. Above the southeast point (Bluff's Point) of the coast line under description, the land retreated westerly so as to form a bay in Saugatuck harbor, the sides of which were known as Saugatuck Playne. The plain attracted the attention of the first planters of Norwalk, and after their day of the Harson's, of Manhattanville, N. Y., who there landed (while cruising through the Sound) and built and remained. This property was that of the present Enos's and Ketchum's. In earlier times the descendants of Joseph Ketchum, the Norwalk pioneer, possessed the river-bordered Saugatuck Playne, and the Ketchum children from the "N. Y. province-line vicinity" (northwest New Canaan) there fished and frolicked. Later still, the New York City Harvey's and the Dana's of the New York *Sun*, passed the summer season at that bay side, above which rose Rocky Neck, now the Cockcroft place, hard by which last locality was the Indian meadow, named for Mamachimon, and the Disbrow ferry, across what, in 1704, a distinguished traveler called a "difficult river" (the Saugatuck). To the north of Rocky Neck, and along the west bank of the Saugatuck, was a beautiful river side as far up as the mouth of Stony Creek, and even beyond, to what may justly be denominated FATHERFORD, the settlers Saugatuck crossing place in 1650.

#### THE PARTRICK PURCHASE COAST-DIVISION.

Beginning at the head of Norwalk river, the "ship-yard" was the first locality, anciently, of note in the west or Partrick section of Norwalk. This yard was a little below "Keeler's Hollow," and somewhere near the present freight depot of the Danbury and Norwalk R. R. It originated, probably, in the days of the Whitney milling enterprise, and there is record of the building of water-craft thereat down as late as Ebenezer Hoyt's day. The wharf (next that of the 1896 Leonard coal yard) was built in the fall of 1796, a season "most remarkable for drought and clear cold till long in winter." "Tinker's





Point" lay next below, a stretch of salt meadow filling the intervening area. Pine Island has always been a prominent west coast elevation. Here, in more modern times, was a ship-yard. Below Pine Island (a favorite bathing place in late years) the coast was indented by Rusco Creek. This was formerly a small estuary of some importance. Its head (west of 1896 corset factory) was selected by Eliakim Smith, Sr., of Hadley, for a home site, and here the Norwalk ancestors of the many Smiths of his line were born. His first house was consumed in 1779, but the building that supplanted it still stands.<sup>1</sup> South of the mouth of Rusco Creek was "Liberty Point," the site in old time of Norwalk's first pottery, and to-day of Messrs. Hatch, Bailey & Co.'s planing establishment.

The ancient "ferry" place, on "The Stamford and Fairfield Path," was immediately below, if not partly inclusive of, the Norwalk Iron Works dock property of 1896. Later than its ferry use, this spot was a favorite wading and water sporting place for the Old Well children. The strip lay between Marshall and Sun (now Washington) streets. Both these streets evidently took their old names from two of the first steamboats that plied between Norwalk and New York (see article entitled "Ancient Norwalk Commerce.") A few rods south of this miniature Partrick bay was dug the famous "old well," which gave to that section of the town its former and familiar name. The fathers' *old well*, quite similar in the particulars of situation and source, to the Moses Rogers well at Shippan Point, was so fed by distant streams as that its waters remained fresh and pure, notwithstanding the spring's proximity to the sea. A coast strip, upon which was a ship-yard, and below the ship-yard a strip of salt meadow, now lined the west shore as far as Barren Marsh<sup>2</sup> (opposite Gregory's Point) and Judah (Peach) Island. A small stream here set innerward and wound southwesterly toward the rear of Bouton (now Keyser) Island. Near the head

\* This venerable building, the residence to-day at 15 Ann St., of Nehemiah Brown, was raised on Saturday, April 23, 1788. Its predecessor was burned July 11, 1779. The interval of nine years was partly or wholly spent by the family in Wilton, perhaps, as they thence removed at the date of the town's destruction. Eliakim Smith, Sr. died some eight years before Tryon's visit, (Feb. 11, 1771,) but his son, Eliakim, Jr., born Dec. 25, 1734, succeeded to the ownership of the family bible, which, formerly lost, has been in late years singularly found on the shelves of the New York Bible Society. This bible, of interest to the Norwalk Smiths, was printed "in 1634 by Robt. Barker, cum privilegie." The bible record is thus introduced: "This Book was 100 years old that year the subscriber was born; Eliakim Smith, Jr., born Dec. 25, 1734, of Norwalk in Connecticut, New England; who died Feb. 11, 1819." Among the bible's fly-leaf mentions are (per Eliakim Smith, Jr.,) "Norwalk burnt 11 July 1779 and y<sup>e</sup> winter following most severe in y<sup>e</sup> fore part and y<sup>e</sup> summer following very

dry." "1811, Oct. 11, the highest tide ever known in Norwalk." "1815 then a tide two feet higher than any before that time; up to my house (standing in Ann Street, South Norwalk, 1895) and in cellar."

"Dec. 1801 and January and Feb. till 22 day y<sup>e</sup> most moderate ever known in y<sup>e</sup> memory of y<sup>e</sup> oldest man. No frost in y<sup>e</sup> ground or snow on it or ice in y<sup>e</sup> harbor, but warm and pleasant. Could . . . dig stone, lay fence or any work like spring, but y<sup>e</sup> 22 February a smart N. E. snow storm and y<sup>e</sup> first of y<sup>e</sup> winter; 23 clear and cold; 24 pleasant; 25 and 26 rain; 27 and 28 mild, N. E. wind, harbor clear of ice, moderate. North River open most of y<sup>e</sup> time. After that common spring weather. Recorded by Eliakim Smith 67 years old."

<sup>1</sup>This was the name of what might be termed the south-easternmost point of the Partrick shore purchase. When the tide was out Barren Marsh, to the seaward of high water mark, unbelied its name, but when the tide was in, its "barren" conditions seemed somewhat reversed.



of this stream rose Hayes' Hill, and on near-by Platt's Hill' (late E. A. Woodward's harbor home) was an upland Indian burying ground. There appear to have been no Indian cemeteries of importance at the settlement's center.

To the southwest of Barren Marsh lay "Partrick's horse," and the site, formerly, of the Government beacon indicating the entrance to the harbor, and still to the westward the ancient Bouton (afterward Raymond, Comstock and Keyser)<sup>3</sup> Island. From this point still west to Belden Point ran a line of coast territory terminating a short distance from the Indian Naramake's burial-place at Belden Point. The shore line thence took a northerly course as far as the head of Pampaskashanke or Wilson Cove where, south-facing the shimmering waters of the Sound, stood the house here depicted.



*THE ESAIAS BOUTON HOME.*

Changed somewhat from a memory-reproduced picture.

\* The above pictured premises at Pampaskashanke Beach constituted the domicile-site of Capt. Esaias and Phœbe Bouton and their seven children—Phœbe, Nathan, Lydia, Stephen, Samuel, Hannah and Josiah. Capt. Bouton was only a few generations remove

<sup>1</sup>There was also a Platt's Hill, No. 1, to the east or southeast of Pine Hill. The name in both cases, unquestionably arose from the Platt ownership of the property. Platt's Hill, No. 1, at the present time, belongs to the East Norwalk Marvin brothers, who have there found gravel in large quantities.

<sup>2</sup>This Island, from a flag-staff of which its owner,

during the civil war of thirty odd years ago, floated at morn and eve, a streamer bearing the patriotic inscription "We Have a Country," is now the property of an institution belonging to the Roman Catholic Church. It is connected by a bridge with the main land, and is a handsome wave-washed stretch of the Partrick coast-territory.





from John Bouton, the Huguenot settler, but he was a staunch loyalist and a strong Churchman. He lived to a good age, and his energetic-visaged, portly form, seated upon the saddle, as he rode to Church, (St. Paul's, Norwalk) making his gallant salutation to his friends, the Cannons (family of Samuel and Sarah Cannon, who were the parents of Le-Grand Cannon, of Troy, and grand-parents of Col. LeGrand B. Cannon, of New York, 1896) when he passed their mansion (now Miss Julia A. Lockwood's residence) at the summit of Mill Hill, is to this day recalled, while his business transactions with the British governor of New York (Tryon) are a matter of record. Phœbe, the oldest child, quiet but principled, and of name Hopkins-derived, married the son (Eliakim Warren) of a not distant Runckingheage neighbor, and removed at the age of forty-four, from the head of the Roaton to the head, or nearly so, of the Hudson waters. Nathan, the second child, reached majority the year following the Declaration of Independence. He had evidently inherited his father's sea-fondness, as there is old mention of his youthful trips on the Sound. He married at twenty-six, selecting a minister from His Majesty's late Long Island temporary possessions to perform the wedding ceremony. His two daughters, Mary and Esther, became subsequently and respectively, Mrs. Nathan Warren and Mrs. LeGrand Cannon.<sup>1st</sup> Lydia, third daughter of Captain Esaias Bouton, married Stephen Kellogg, from whom descended Josiah Kellogg of Lower Clapboard Hills, (1896.) Stephen, the next son, married Hannah Camp, which two were the grand-parents of Dr. George B. Bouton, a recent well-known physician of Westport. Samuel, next younger than Stephen, married Eunice Smith, and is represented by branches of the Jennings and other families. Hannah,

\* This daughter of Esaias Bouton, brought up at the seaside, became the efficient wife of the inland resident, Jonathan Camp,<sup>3d</sup> and she invested the Camp house at "East Rocks" (still standing) with history-industrious and inviting interest. The Camp farm, an inheritance to their children from the heads of the house, Jonathan<sup>1st</sup> and Ann Camp, comprised a no mean landed estate. At the immediate East Rocks portion of it, Mrs. Jonathan Camp<sup>3d</sup> was a quiet power and her house built, it would appear, some years subsequently to her marriage and which, as is the case with the original Norwalk Jonathan Camp hearthstone, is in existence to-day, was an old-time family seat. She here lived in peaceful, sensible simplicity. Among the relatives who visited her was her nephew, the Hon. Esaias Warren, mayor of Troy, N. Y., who, on one occasion, was accompanied by his daughters, Phœbe and Eliza. These sisters being at that time in somewhat delicate health, it was deemed advisable to consult, while in Norwalk, Dr. Richmond, a Saugatuck physician of repute, whose prescription much relieved the parent's anxiety. The Dr. counseled neither medicine nor medical attention, but simply healthful in and out-door exercise and recreation. Phœbe married a Washington, D. C., Tayloe, and Eliza (Mrs. John Paine of Troy) was the

grandmother of the late Dowager Duchess of Marlborough, now Lady Beresford, whose step-son, the present Duke of Marlborough, recently took to himself an American (Vanderbilt) bride. It may be looked upon as something of a coincidence that the New England ancestors of both Lady Beresford and the Countess of Castellaine lived within nine miles of each other—one at Ludlow's Fairfield home, and the other at Ludlow's Norwalk purchase.

\* Mrs. Hannah (Bouton) Camp died at the Camp home, in the arms of her daughter-in-law, the present Mrs. Jonathan Camp, of Cannon Street. Her sister-in-law, Rebecca, married Daniel Nash, of Westport, father of the 1896 brothers Edward H. and Andrew C. of that town. This Daniel was a man of purpose as well as of plenty. In the month of Feb., 1844, (he was then 74 years of age) having banking matters in the metropolis to attend to, he left Norwalk on Monday morning by steamboat from Old Well. As business hours were over before he reached the city, he spent the night with the Wood's in Brooklyn. On Tuesday he transacted what he had to do, and returned again to Brooklyn. On Wednesday morning the mercury had fallen, and it was very cold. He started from Brooklyn, bound for home, but the East river was filled with ice, and neither the Norwalk nor





at the age of twenty-seven, wedded Jonathan Camp,<sup>3d</sup> the father of the late Jonathan, whose widow (Mary Cannon Camp) is now spending the evening of a long life in her peaceful Cannon Street home. Josiah, the last child of Esaías and Phœbe Bouton, who was born in the winter of 1768, died unmarried.

Within the seaside, side-hill, Bouton home-enclosure, and for many years surviving the old house, stood the bearings-appropriated, ruinous chimney, which seemed to struggle still to keep up the family memory. At its hearthstone—to-day entirely gone—when the flames at the nativity vigil “went roaring up,” the farm hands were dismissed for their Yule-tide holiday. Old Christmas, which began on Christmas eve at the four miles distant parish Church, “all dressed in living green,” and taper-blazing sometimes to the very spire, was a festal season at the story of which has the family’s great-grand Warren, of Mount Ida, er of the house had gone mas stars looked down tant from the old home, sister-in-law, Rebecca made the candles and tuck. every Dec. 24, to Paul’s, Norwalk) for il-



THE ESAÍAS BOUTON CHIMNEY-REMAINS.

the Bouton homestead, been delightfully told by son, Dr. Nathan Bouton Troy. After the found-upon his grave, not dis-his daughter Hannah's Camp (Mrs. Dan'l. Nash) sent them from Saugathe father's church' (St. luminating purposes.

Bridgeport boats would attempt the trip. He returned to Brooklyn, and waited until Thursday morning, when, the weather continuing intensely cold, the only satisfaction to be obtained was that the Bridgeport steamer would sail on Friday morning. He staid with the Wood's until that date, and left them early Friday morning for home. The river was still full of ice, and the ferry boat was consequently delayed, so that when he reached the New York pier, the Bridgeport boat had just swung clear of it, and he was left behind. He must get to Connecticut that day, and he started at once for the Harlem depot, trains from which station ran as far as White Plains. Here, also, he was too late, and he now set out *on foot* for Westport. Fortunately he was soon overtaken by a rider, who helped him over five miles of the route. He then again took to walking, but was soon invited by a friendly sea captain to a place in his sleigh. The two rode together several miles, and the seaman, well pleased with his companion, carried him quite be-

yond the former's home. “Captain, what's to pay,” inquired Mr. Nash after ten miles riding. “O nothing,” replied the Captain, “I have had your company.” “And I have had yours,” was the grateful good-bye of the New Englander, who, as the day was bright and the snow clean, plodded on. He arrived at Stamford soon after sundown, pressed on, passing through Norwalk about nine o'clock, and entered his own house (now the home of his grandson Lloyd Nash) in Westport, as the clock was striking ten. This remarkable man was the grandfather of Hon. Daniel Nash Morgan, the present Treasurer of the United States.

It was not altogether without reason that Phœbe Bouton (Mrs. Eliakim Warren) expressed from a Hudson River vessel's deck to a Norwalk kinswoman the desire that the new St. Paul's, Troy, N. Y., (cor. Third and Congress Streets,) might be patterned after the mother Norwalk church, as indeed in size, shape and style, it quite resembled it.



From the head of Pampaskashanke the Partrick-purchase Coast-Division followed the water line to the pioneers Roaton Poynt, (southeast rocky extremity, at this time, on Bell Island,) and winding to the west, embraced the present Bell Island shore, Pine Ledge and Roton Point, ending (after crossing the mouth of the Indian "Noewanton" of early Norwalk time) at Butler's (Contentment) Island, which is now laved, on the east, by the sparkling Rowalton.

### NORWALK FRESH WATER SYSTEM.

That it was a "land of brooks of water that spring out of valleys and hills," was a commendation to the fathers of the territory known to them under the Indian name of Norwake. The whole region was well watered, and portions of it quite exceptionally so, a fact that determined certain settlement-sites.<sup>1</sup> That Wilton should originate at Pimpevaugh is thus easily comprehended, and that Silver Mine should have been such an early suburb is now a matter of no more difficult solution. It is mentioned that the springs west and northwest of Smith's Ridge<sup>2</sup> gave rise to habitations along the "Government line," and its handsome water sheets early attracted attention to The Oblong.<sup>3</sup>

The Saugatuck, Norwalk and Five Mile rivers all lay within the bounds of the ancient plantation, the thither side of the first and last of which streams having been owned and occupied by the Norwalk "proprietors." The Norwalk and Saugatuck rivers seem to part from their parent source near the Ridgefield southeasterly and Redding west-erning boundaries. The Saugatuck skirted, if not entered, the 1650-1700 Norwalk limits to the east of Poplar Plains. From thence it flowed southeasterly to the sea, being controlled, on both sides, as it reached its mouth, by the Norwalk fathers. The Norwalk river had two, so-called, branches, known in the early times as the east and west branches which met, where they meet to-day, at Broad River. The east branch is, properly, Norwalk river itself. The west branch, flowing through Silver Mine, headed in reality where heads the east branch, not far from the southern base of Ridgefield Street. Its recorded

<sup>1</sup>The fathers exhibited a propensity to found habitations along water-courses.

<sup>2</sup>The very depths of Luke's woods were, for this reason, Keeler-appropriated, and its pure water supply suggested the Solomon Warren house-site in said woods' vicinity in northwestern New Canaan. Between Smith and Canaan ridges, and somewhat south of the present New York State line, is a perpetual spring, once deemed medicinal, which is now the head of the New Canaan water-works reservoir. Its waters, from the days of the Indian occupancy of Mount Misery,\* to the present time, have been remarkable for their clarity. There seemed to be a belt of such springs in this local latitude. Heckett,

or his son, pitched beside one of them, about one-half mile south of Trinity Lake, and another of rare purity bubbled up in the New Canaan Aaron Miller meadow of the present day.

It has been wondered why the proprietors built in some cases near swamps. Wells were not always dug, but the water was taken from springs, hence spring-accessibility was a desideratum.

<sup>3</sup>Trinity Lake, Lake Kitchawan, (Cross-pond) and the three Waccabucs, are fine sheets of water. Near the first-named of these waters, some of the best grain in the whole Norwalk region was once grown, and near the second is the grand-view summer home-site of the Crafts family of Boston.

\*Rise east of the upper end of Canaan Ridge.





head was at Michael Lockwood, Jr.'s mill,<sup>1</sup> on the road leading, in 1896, from Bald Hill to Vista, which branch to-day is crossed by "Hop-Meadow Bridge," on the Ridgefield road above North Wilton. Another feeder to Norwalk river was the present Westchester stream which runs into the upper reservoir of the Norwalk water-works. This reservoir is supplied largely by springs lying, perhaps entirely, within the State of New York, but it has two distinct running supplies. In a swamp close to the State line, two miles southwest of Ridgefield, rises a brooklet which, flowing southward, passes to the east of the late Martin A. Hanford Lewisboro' farm, and enters, within a few furlongs, the northmost Norwalk reservoir. "Pike Pond," west, in 1896, of the Lewisboro' post-office, of spring origin, crosses the New Canaan and Salem highway about a half-mile above "Hayes' corner," creates the present C. A. Raymond mill-pond, and bridged by the New Canaan and Ridgefield highway at the foot of Harvey Hoyt's hill, empties, a short distance to the east, into the reservoir alluded to. In this stream, and at a little distance from said reservoir, were formerly immersed members of the Baptist persuasion in that part of the "Oblong." Five Mile river begins in the wet lands<sup>2</sup> immediately over the Connecticut and New York State line, at Vista. It courses through a portion of the Samuel Comstock farm, and through the "Pequot Mills" woods, when, supplying the old Bouton Hoyt mill-pond, southeast of Haynes' Ridge in New Canaan, and lower down the Justus Hoyt pond, and winding east of the New Canaan street down through White Oak Shade and West Norwalk (where it is mill-utilized), finds its way finally to Rowayton and then to the Sound.

Lake Siscowitz, (Warren Lake) in the northwestern part of the New Canaan of 1896, and the recent purchase for a Stamford surplus water supply, was one of ancient Norwalk's natural water-basins. It is fed by springs and streams found largely in The Oblong. Its southern precincts are to-day picturesque, but were of yore even more wild because of their remarkable tree-growth. In proximity to this water stood the wigwam of one of the trio of semi-chieftains, of which the red Heckett was, presumably, a member. Said brethren, as was the case with their fathers before them, appear to have been friendly with the English, and their portion of earlier Norwalk, on account of the hunting and fishing thereat, was a sort of sportsman's haunt. Trinity Lake lay to the northwest, and its

<sup>1</sup>Michael Lockwood was the grandfather of the late Carmi, and the great-grandfather of the present Edward K. Lockwood. He, in the later years of the 18th century, planted a mill industry at the highest point on the west branch of the Norwalk river, and the identical spot is put to the same use to-day. Said point is about one mile northwest of Bald Mountain, Wilton, and adjoins the New York State line. Michael Lockwood <sup>1st</sup> had a son Michael <sup>2d</sup>, who, after his marriage, established himself on the same stream, somewhat below his father's old mill. The mother of Michael <sup>2d</sup>, now a widow, helped her son on in his enterprise at "The Forge," so-called, and took up her residence with him. In addition to his iron

works at this point, Michael <sup>2d</sup> carried on brick-kiln operations. Still further south, at the head of the present Grupe reservoir, Michael Lockwood <sup>2d</sup> built and ran a saw-mill. This last mill fell, finally, to Carmi, son of Michael <sup>2d</sup>, who was there associated in cloth milling with Curtis Finch. Mr. Finch afterward converted the woolen into a saw-mill.

<sup>2</sup>A rock close by these lands is the point at which the lines of three towns (New Canaan, Lewisboro' and Pound Ridge) and of two counties (Fairfield and Westchester) and two States (Connecticut and New York) and two national divisions (New England and the Middle States) meet.



banks were subdued, several quarter centuries since, by the Five Mile River Raymond family. Acres of land around this lake were Raymond-planted, and wheat there grew so luxuriantly that the owners employed as many as five men, whose duty it was to watch the grain at that stage in its growth when the tender plant was a temptation to the deer which fairly infested the Oblong confines of Norwalk at that time. One of these watchers was a Slauson, (believed to be Nathan) who built his home a short distance south of the lake, on the present road to New Canaan. A son of one of the red men last referred to, taught Mr. Slauson the art of tanning the deers' hide, and as the latter was an apt pupil, he soon acquired the knowledge necessary to enable him to make a suit of deer-skin, in which he was proudly married in the ancient Congregational Church in New Canaan. Deer so abounded in that day in northern Norwalk as that bear-hunting became a pastime. The bear was the enemy of the deer, and the settlers, consequently, were that animal's foe.

There were two principal "mill brooks," distinguished as such by the earliest comers. The older of the two flowed from Strawberry Hill, and was increased by a brook that took its rise in Thomas Hanford's upland, now the rear of the F. St. John Lockwood residence. This was the stream, at certain seasons considerably swollen but at other times hardly more than a meadow-brook, that failed to meet Norwalk's first milling demand.

Mill Brook No. 2 (Brook <sup>b</sup>, including Beaver Brook) was only a few miles long, but its source, and a goodly portion of its length, lay in early days in such a wooded and therefore drought-detering district, that it occasionally emerged in torrent volumes into Norwalk river east of the Stephen St. John drug store, (its site the western end of the Phoenix Block of to-day.) Mill Brook No. 2, forming a basin below the Hazel Plain, (rear of the Newtown Avenue residences of Albert Betts and St. John Merrill,) fed from early times a mill-wheel at the foot of Cider Mill Lane, (leading in 1896 from North Center School-house to Allen Betts' saw-mill,) and has long been mill-used. Tributary to it was a small brooklet from the direction of the Northeast School District that crossed the "cart path to Cranberry Plains," a little north of the residence of the late Judge Stephen Smith.

The "Lockwood well," contiguous to, if not a contingency of Mill Brook, No. 2, and which stood in the lot (now Quintard Block) opposite said St. John's store, was reputable for its water supply and sweetness. So full of short staddles, one-hundred-and-twenty years ago, was that portion of this brook's valley lying immediately north of St. Paul's Church, that a "Pudding Lane" youth therein and thereabouts, for three days eluded pursuit; and yet so susceptible of cultivation has that same staddle-vale proven, that in 1825, the finest of Norwalk fruit was there grown.

North Brook under-runs the Westport road, at the foot of the Ebenezer Church home-land. Close to it stood, prior to the Revolution, the hat-shop of Ebenezer Church <sup>1st</sup>

<sup>1</sup>See bottom note, page 36.

<sup>2</sup>Near-by was the well known old-time Beaver dam which stood, evidently, not far from the Stephen

Smith hat shop, on the cross road between the present Newtown and Blue Mountain Avenues. It is remembered to this day.



Here, tradition claims, the wife of Gov. Fitch, who was aunt by marriage to Susannah,<sup>1</sup> the first wife of Ebenezer Church, <sup>1st</sup> found shelter, immediately after the burning of Norwalk, in 1779.

Stony Brook may properly be said to rise in the Olmstead Cranberry Plains swamp, north or northwest of the present residence of Silas Olmstead. It is difficult, however, to exactly place the source of this brook, as it is augmented by a stream, sometimes of large volume, which, starting at Chestnut Hill above the Hiram Nash corner of 1896, and thence flowing near the lower down Burwell Gregory home, crosses the Chestnut Hill and Cranberry Plains roads somewhat below the foot of said hill, making its southeasterly way to Stony Creek proper, when the united streams flow together to the Saugatuck river, into which they empty at a point, west side, some distance below the main bridge at Westport. This stream furnishes the present Nash mill with water power.

The spring water on Benedict's (now Armory) hill, is appropriated to-day by Mrs. Charles D. Matthews of West Avenue. Her residence (built by Le Grand Lockwood) is water-supplied from this excellent fountain.

Hungry Spring, to-day covered by Seymour Place and immediately north of the residence of Henry Seymour, was a notable spring in old times.

Shovel Hill brook formerly poured quite a large quantity of water from the height known by that name (Cedar Street of 1896) into the small creek that found its outlet at Pine Island. The hat manufactory of the brothers Geo. W. and Wm. H. Benedict stood along that stream. Before that time, in the days of James Seymour,<sup>2</sup> it was Indian traversed. There would seem to have been Indian quarters near the hill's summit.

Campfield Pond was somewhere near the site of the Seymour nursery of a few years ago. It seems to have lain northwesterly of the Consolidated road's (1896) newly built South Norwalk passenger stations. It probably took its name from Campfield Hill, in its neighborhood, and was called for Samuel, son of Matthew Campfield, the settler.

The "Old Well," near the present South Norwalk steamboat dock, is alluded to on page 54.

As sweet and silvery water even as that of Kitchawan's Springs, probably, was found on the crest of Flax Hill. Particular mention of the splendid orchards of said hill

<sup>1</sup>She was one of the several daughter of Samuel Fitch, son of Thomas, and brother of Gov. Thomas Fitch.

<sup>2</sup>Mr. Seymour built and occupied, on the east side of West Avenue, and toward the southern end of the present Matthews property. His house, known fifty or sixty years ago as the Hotchkiss house, was one for "the entertainment of strangers," and sometimes the meadows near it (now a section of the Matthews lawn) would be filled with cattle which, under the care of "drovers," were there transiently quartered. The Indians, a remaining fraction-clan, resident in the 1896 Bull Run proximity, evidently knew their way

to the Seymour kitchen. One of these red sons, as Mr. Seymour was accustomed to relate to his children, entered on one occasion his kitchen, and whilst attendants chanced for the moment to be elsewhere, took a meal pudding from a vessel of boiling water, and concealing it under his blanket, promptly started for home. The proprietor had witnessed the manœuvre, and gave pursuit. He overtook the purloiner on Shovel Hill, and feigning affection, closely embraced him. This, however, because of the meal's caloric, became so oppressive that "the last of the Mohicans" was compelled to decline that particular species of friendship-warmth.





was made by the late Edward St. John, of Cornwall-on-Hudson, and another departed lover of old Norwalk referred fondly to that same heights' crystal water in the days when for Norwalk youth and beauty to go a-violeting, a-butter-cuping, a May-appling, and later a-hazel-nutting and a-black-berrying, was not the faded picture that it is to-day.

There were two "Captain's Springs" in old time, one near "deacon Hayt's house," and another, named for **Captain Keeler**, and located west of his mill-pond (Union Manufacturing Co. site) on or near Spring Hill, which hill, because of its "circling ripples," was properly designated.

**Silver Mine Spring**, medicinally celebrated, lay in Silver Mine, and Cheese Spring somewhat further north. There may have been two "George's" springs, one at Rocky Neck (Saugatuck river) and the other at, possibly, "George's Hill on the west side of the river." "Rock and Rockie" springs were, possibly, one and the same.

There were two "Cold Springs." No. 1 stood on the present West Avenue Matthews premises, while from an incidental reference in vol. v, Norwalk Town Records, of the Cold Spring of 1728, it is inferred that this was the same fount that Moore & Durham (contractors in 1848 under Bishop & Miller for the construction of a Norwalk section of the New York and New Haven R. R.) found in the "Kellogg Swamp cut" between Norwalk and Westport. This spring, if not obliterated, seems now to lose its "cooling draughts" along the same road's enlarged bed of 1896.

Fruitful Spring, "behind Pine Hill,"<sup>1</sup> was one of the pioneers' best known waterwells. Like "y<sup>e</sup> old well," and the Rogers Shippan Point spring, it lay close to the salt water, but singularly unlike the other two, its specific gravity was such that, at times, it *floated salt water*. As far back as the days of Thomas, son of Richard Seymour, the settler, it was evidently a coveted treasure. Its later seaside neighbors would fill their small boats with firkins wherein to carry away the beverage. It took its name, so it is claimed, from the fact that its surface, in past time, would often be covered by the fruit of a beach

<sup>1</sup>Pine Hill, seat to-day, at its northern and southern extremities, of the Keyser, Staples and Marvin Brothers residences was, in all probability, the proprietors' **SUN DIAL**. It unquestionably derived its primal name from its native pine or cedar features, but as the expressive cognomen "noon," was also applied to it, and that of "behind noon" to its rear vicinity, the only reconcilable theory in relation to this second appellation is, that in the Founders' days, when time-pieces were scarce, the shadows of the pines, cast straight down, indicated meridian. There were no mails to close or banks to shut or trains to catch, and on these accounts, consequently, there was no flurry, neither fever nor fret; still, Stephen Beckwith, Mark St. John, Walter Hoyt, and others, several and many, who there planted and pastured, and hoed, harrowed and harvested, needed to be apprised of the hour at which to call in the "herd," or

break off for dinner. As, therefore, the ray of vertical sunlight striking the notch cut in the door-sill or stoop-floor at home, intimated that noon had come, so the vertical shade of Pine Hill told the "down in the neck" watcher and worker that 12 o'clock had arrived. This lends an archaic interest to a spot, the modern site and salubrity advantages of which are, with difficulty, exaggerated.

By reason of its soil's grain-adaptation, the Saugatuck ancestors of the present Marvin Bros., purchased and worked the southern slope of Pine Hill. This arable stretch (between the residences of the two brethren named) has always kept its grain productive reputation, yielding handsome returns to-day. Salubrious, sightly, Pine Hill is interest-historic. It was a spot held in admiration by the author of Hall's Norwalk, and has never parted with its sea, sky and landscape beauties.



grove, a portion of which overhung it. The interesting settlement-memento remains to be visited to-day.

The middle section Strawberry Hill springs, unquestionably, were the heads of Mill-Brook No. 1.

The Jabez Gregory spring has deserved reference in another connection in this work.

The spring in "Rattle Snake-pasture lot," (Sticky Plain road, head of Harriet Street,) was probably the source of the stream that formerly coursed near the present Union Cemetery, forming, partially, the "Captain Lamb pond," and discharged itself in Norwalk river.

Darrow's pond has no visible inlet or outlet. It is in the rear of the Treadwell and McLean North Avenue residences of 1896.

The "East Rocks" springs gave value to the Camp estate of former times. The new New York City St. Mary's Hospital for children, now in process of erection, has found water of fine quality upon that portion of said estate which has this year become the property of that institution.

The "Rocks Bending Ground" (of spring origin) is a present curiosity.

Indian Brook wound near the Saugatuck portion of Ludlow's purchase, and Ralph's Brook near Rusco Creek in the (South Norwalk) Partrick purchase.

**Daniel Lockwood's Brook** received the water as it trickled down the north side of **Grumman's Hill**, and the west side of what might now be termed the Morgan Woods, (anciently **Hanford's uplands**,) at the head of the 1896 "Morgan Avenue."<sup>1</sup> From the "Lockwood boggs," a small stream issued, and took for a few rods a northerly and then westerly direction. It formed a small "basin," (immediately north of residence to-day belonging to the estate of James H. Bailey) whence it proceeded across the lower portion of Norwalk Green, and running down "Knapp's," afterwards "Hubbell's Hill," it emptied into Norwalk river.

Dry and Stony Hill brooks are of old mention.

There was a fountain of pure water on "Longe" (Norwalk) island.

**Rev. Thomas Hanford's well** of cooling water, and the well of Thomas Barnum (ancestor, so believed, of all the Barnum's in America) stand to this day.

## NORWALK SALT WATER ESTUARIES, CHANNELS AND EMBRACINGS.

Between Compo (Sherwood) and Noewanton creeks were a number of sea-water inlets, among which the Saugatuck and the Norwalk were the largest.

The "hithermost wading place," west of "Bluff Point,"<sup>2</sup> was well known by the first settlers, whose visits to the "Great Marsh" at Saugatuck were frequent. Adjoining the

<sup>1</sup>Named in 1896 by the Common Council of the City of Norwalk, in honor of the late Henry T. Morgan of New York City, who married a daughter of

Col. Buckingham St. John Lockwood of Norwalk.

<sup>2</sup>From this Point to Cockenos Island, one in former times and at perigee tides, could almost wade.





southeast Enos place of 1896, was Duck Pond.<sup>1</sup> This pond and Stephen's Island were accessible from a small creek in the vicinity of Campfield's Island, which was separated from Half-Mile Island by Campfield creek, through which, at certain states of the tide, passage was had to Fruitful Spring. In the days of Gregory's pottery, (page 51, note 3) this creek was of business service. Round-Beach channel afforded a short cut to the inner harbor. Charles Creek, known from early days as such, made of Gregory's Point a promontory, and Gregory's Creek was kept free from boggy growth by the current flowing from Mill-Brook<sup>1st</sup> through the Cove (tide-mill pond.) Hayes' Creek was a little north of Gregory's Point. Pine Island and Rusco Creeks were on the west side of the channel, between "Old Well" and "The Bridge." Barren Marsh creek<sup>2</sup> set innerward from near Judah's (Peach) Island, and Barren Marsh channel, formed said island. Cockenoes passage on the east, Mamachimons in the center and Roaton's on the west, connected the harbor with the Sound. Pam-paskeshanke formed the modern Belden's or Wilson Cove, while "Noewanton" marked the westward Norwalk Creek limits.

Its diverse salt-water-bordered beaches and banks have long been Norwalk features. Compo was a coveted Indian point, a fact which the whites were not slow in recognizing. Robert Beacham, of Jessup connection, was an early fortunate possessor of a portion of it. The Hayes's, of old Scotch ancestry, there staid until coast invaders drove them to The Oblong. Its marine vista probably drew the Kent blood to that part of Compo now known as Hendricks Point. "There is much in the setting of a precious stone," and its sea-setting unquestionably adds to the loveliness of this east Saugatuck estate picture. On the last evening but one of 1770, a "blessed mother," the parent of the world-eminent Chancellor James Kent, passed from that to the thither shore.

Above Hendricks-on-Saugatuck lies Point Imperial, a picturesque promontory, which deserves to remain as God made it. So charming to Manhattanville cruisers did the late Noah Bradley section of "Saugatuck Playne" appear, that they (see page 53) then and there quit their vessel and founded a habitation.

<sup>1</sup>A creek put into Duck Pond, and permission was given, in 1677, to Francis Bushnell and Jas. Benedict to there erect a dam "to stop out the tide." Pleasure or profit lay at the base of the petition, but the dam must be built within seven years, or the property would revert back to the town.—Norwalk Town Records.

Duck Pond, the eastern upland of which was recently a Ketchum site, but now the site of the lower Enos place, was anciently *infested* with game. Jos. Lockwood Marvin, son of Capt. Ozias Marvin of Westport, and the father of the late William Marvin of East Norwalk, was wont to mention to his children and grand-children that foxes would watch at Duck Pond for their game-prey, and that these sly animals would there dive into and under the water,

and seize sometimes several wild ducks, which fox captors and their captured birds would be shot upon the former's appearance again, above water.

Wm. Marvin moved from Westport to Norwalk in Dec. 1835. He had recently married a Raymond daughter, and himself and wife distinctly saw, as they approached their new Norwalk home, the sky carmine streakings of that month's "great fire" in that city.

Duck Island, mentioned by Goodrich as "near Westport," was at the eastern end of Long Island Sound.

Elbow Creek was the name of a small estuary in the vicinity of Duck Pond.

<sup>2</sup>The grove-mouth of this Creek was an old picnic ground.



Not a jot of the original beauty of Saugatuck Point has been sacrificed by the Eno changes, which in late years have there been made. The eye, in roving over the locality, falls on the same blue waters that the fathers' saw, but it rests upon a water-side, the delightful desirability of which has been highly enhanced by modern liberality and taste.

The border-mentions in the last three paragraphs, however, can hardly be considered as salt-water "embracings." These, strictly speaking, refer to the Beaches, Hammocks, Islands, Rocks, Reefs, etc., which are sea-surrounded. These, alphabetically enumerated, are as follows:

BELL ISLAND, <sup>1</sup>	GRASSY HAMMOCK,	RACE ROCKS,
BETTS " "	GREEN'S REEF, <sup>4</sup>	Off Calf Pasture.
BOUTON " "	HALF-MILE ISLAND,	RAM'S ISLAND,
Otherwise known as Raymond, Comstock and Keyser Island.	HAY ISLAND,	"Big" and "Little."
BUTLER ISLAND, <sup>2</sup>	JUDAH ISLAND, <sup>5</sup>	RAYMOND REEFS,
CALF PASTURE ISLAND,	Modernly Peach Island.	Off Betts' Island.
CAMPFIELD " "	KITTS ISLAND,	ROUND BEACH,
CEDAR HAMMOCK,	In Saugatuck harbor.	SENSION BEACH,
Between Bouton (Keyser) and Tavern Islands.	L'HAMMOCK, <sup>6</sup>	An island at extreme tides.
CHIMMONS ISLAND,	LITTLE L'HAMMOCK,	SEYMOUR ROCK,
(Mamachimons.)	LITTLE TAVERN ISLAND,	Mouth of Saugatuck harbor.
COCKENOS ISLAND,	LONG BEACH, <sup>7</sup>	SHEEP ROCK,
CONTENTMENT ISLAND,	LONGE ISLAND, <sup>8</sup>	Vicinity of East White Rock.
COPP " "	Otherwise known as Smith's, Sheffield and Norwalk Island.	SOUND REEF, <sup>10</sup>
CROW " "	MIDDLE GROUND,	Submerged.
DOG HAMMOCK, <sup>3</sup>	At the head of Norwalk Creek.	SPRITES ISLAND,
EAST WHITE ROCK,	OAK KNOLL, <sup>9</sup>	STEPHEN'S ISLAND,
FISH ISLAND,	Vicinity of Tinker's Point, N. E. of Pine Island.	STUART ISLAND,
GOOSE ISLAND,	PINE ISLAND,	TAVERN ISLAND, <sup>11</sup>
		WEST WHITE ROCK,
		WOOD ISLAND.

<sup>1</sup>Its original name was Roaton (afterward Raymond) Point. The hotel at what, in 1896, is known as Roton Point, stands on the old ROUND ROCK POINT, and the present wharf at said Point occupies old PINE POINT.

<sup>2</sup>West entrance to Five Mile River harbor.

<sup>3</sup>In Ram's Island Bay, where are also Great Hammock and Harriett Island.

<sup>4</sup>Extends one mile from high-water mark, west by south from Norwalk Island. Has both spar and bell buoys at its extreme end, the object of the latter being to give warning at night and in foggy weather. The U. S. Government has had in recent contemplation the removal of the present lighthouse on Norwalk Island to the further extremity of Green's Reef, expecting the lantern thereat to serve the purpose of the Norwalk harbor as well as Long Island Sound light. Norwalk Island and Eaton's Neck, L.I. lighthouses are five and six-tenths nautical miles apart.

<sup>5</sup>Bore this name as late as the sale of the same for \$100 on Dec. 29, 1803, by Josiah Smith to Absalom Day. Mr. Smith bought the island on Feb. 3 previously, of the executors of Eliakim Raymond, and he received for its three acres *twenty-five cents* more

than he paid for it. On the day of Josiah Smith's purchase Mr. Raymond's executors sold the "sedge flats" at the island to Thomas Benedict, for \$5.50.

<sup>6</sup>This and Little L'Hammock are located in Ram's Island Bay.

<sup>7</sup>Site of the Government beacon.

<sup>8</sup>Described in a deed executed Jan. 24, 1804, as "Little Long Island," and also "White's Island."

<sup>9</sup>There were twin knolls at this place. At the time of the late LeGrand Lockwood West Avenue acreage purchase, a bridge scheme (to Earl's East Avenue hill) from a point near these knolls, was entertained.

<sup>10</sup>In Long Island Sound and within the limits of the State of New York.

<sup>11</sup>An old designation. Capt. Nathan Roberts, born Oct. 8, 1815, a still living Norwalk pilot, built in 1848, with Oliver W. Weed, the house on Tavern Island now tenanted by pilot Joseph Merrill, the timber and lumber having been purchased of Charles Thomas, at "Norwalk Bridge." The island was at first leased by Capt. Roberts from, in part, Moses Byxbee. A well was there found in 1848. The new occupants subdued about one-third of an acre, using the Wilson estate oxen for breaking-up purpose.



As far as is known Adrian Block was the first white man to set eyes on the Norwalk Islands. The Indians had without doubt enjoyed, perhaps explored, but probably not employed them. This it fell to the settlers to do. Succeeding the "canoe," the "scow" was presumably, the second island ferry-boat. This primitive craft was used as a transport for cattle, a practice of as recent indulgence as the Smith occupancy of Longe or Norwalk Island. Island isolation was one of the new settlement's conditions of which the pioneer took immediate advantage, and not only were the young of the kine thence transferred for safe pasturage, but the pasturage itself, because of the islands' encircling and enriching aqueous distillation-effects, was prized. By slow degrees some of the islands would seem to have become tenanted. Access-difficulty was a drawback, but the facts that game was there abundant, and the fishing excellent, and of the islands' bivalve wealth and vigorous vegetable growth were compensatory considerations. Fish Island is the first Norwalk salt-water circumvented territory passed as one sails from the metropolis to the town. Shoreward from it lay Butler and Contentment Islands, which were farm properties in early times. Bell Island, formerly Roaton Neck, is now a seat of summer-villas.

As far back as the days of Robert Stuart, the settler, Stuart Island, facing on the southeast Ely's or Belden's Neck, and near by "Stuart landing," was cultivated.

Tavern Island, the pilot-fastness at the present time of Capt. Joseph Merrill, and the southwesterly Gibraltar-like extremity of which has been serviceableness-redeemed by Drs. Parker, and Lambert of New Canaan, and made to constitute a sort of "Brighton" adjunct to their New Canaan summer homes, is of rocky conformation of surface. It has several hammock belongings, and was once sold (May 10, 1794) for five English pounds.

"Longe" or Norwalk Island, acreage largest and a most prominent section of sea-girt territory, merits a more extended mention than in this exact place in this work is consistent.

Betts, Chimmons, Copps, Crow and Hay Islands are conveniently and pleasantly clustered. "Chimmons," (Mamachimons) one of this quintette of Norwalk islands, is Sachem named, and the site to-day of the water-surrounded, warm season residence of Warrenson of the late Edward Smith of Brooklyn, N. Y., but formerly of the Smith's Island family of that name. The old Smith home, admirably situated on Longe or Norwalk Island, at once attracted passenger attention in the days when the first form to be seen emerging from the pilot-house as the Norwalk steamboat was making its landing at the opposite "Belden's Neck," was that of the tall, energetic, business-dashing and successful Lewis O. Wilson, who, having from that sea-view elevation, enjoyed his "up-Sound" sail, was disembarking at his Wilson Point home-seat.

John Copp, for whom another of the quintette group is named, did eminent public service, in his day, in Norwalk. He was a surveyor, a teacher and a physician. In Nov. 1699, (at the age of twenty-five) he removed, temporarily, to Bedford, N. Y., which town recognizing the honor thus conferred upon it, at once granted him forty acres of West-





Chester land, and purchased from him a "grindle stone," for which it generously allowed him "six acres of pasture land." He returned to Norwalk and married the widow of merchant John Belden. He died May 16, 1751, having will-disposed, (see Belden lineage) of a handsome competency.

Crow Island is so called on account of it being, for some cause, the haunt of the bird-species of the crow and like order.

The sunken reef near Grassy Hammock has proven disastrous to Norwalk harbor navigation. Here the excursion steamer Tolchester "stranded" in 1896. Quite to the eastward of this hammock is the submerged rock "Dunder," which lays invisible at low water about one half-mile southeast of Cockenoes Island.

Sprites Island was the ownership from April 3, 1771, to Feb. 7, 1772, of Rev. William Tennent, whose father figured in the Colonial history of New Jersey, and was so universally distinguished for his wonderful "trance." Mr. Tennent was the Congregational pastor of Norwalk. He sold the island immediately subsequent to his dismissal, in 1772, from the Norwalk church.

Unlike the "Isles of Greece," the "Norwalk Islands" are association-unclassical, but when gleamed the Orient, or when upon their sky-bristling pines the sun down-poured his noon radiance, or when the king of day, at eve arriving, threw their shapes against Seawan-Hacky's (Long Island) line of purple, they were objects of admiration to the settlers, and have never, 'mid the vicissitudes of time and change, entirely lost their charm to the fathers' children.

## NORWALK MALE DOCUMENTARY CENSUS.

1650-1700.

### ABORIGINAL.

PONUS.—Sachem of the Rippowams and Sagamore of the Toquams prior to 1650. A resident not within but a little outside of the confines of "Norwake," (west New Canaan) from whose wigwam a path (Ponasses) led to this town.

CATONAH.—Sagamore, successor of Powahay, who was son of Onox, the elder, and grandson of Ponus. Catonah was also a Norwalk non-resident. His official title was Sachem of the Ramapo Indians of the Province of New York, and his "sachimo comaco" called "Cantatoe,"<sup>2</sup> occupied a commanding height a few miles beyond the line of the original northwestern boundaries of Norwalk. Upon these

<sup>1</sup>The General Court, held at Hartford, April 5th, 1638, ordered that "where any company of Indians doe sett down neere any English plantacons that they shall declare who is their Sachem or Chiefe," etc.—Col. Rec.

<sup>2</sup>A part of the Bedford, Westchester County, N. Y., Jay estate, and recently the property of Edward Pellew of Bedford, a son-in-law of Hon. John Jay. Cantatoe is situated in a beautiful region of country near Katonah Station on the Harlem Railroad.



high grounds, marked to-day by two granite boulders, are the traditional tombs of the Sachem and his Squa Sachem. Catonah possessed, presumably, influence with the Indians of Norwalk, and had dealing with its settlers. Aratomah was his neighbor.

PIAMIKIN.—Sagamore of Rooton (Five-Mile River). He was well known by both Stamford and Norwalk settlers.

NARAMAKE.—Sachem of Pampaskeshanke (Belden Point). The Connecticut and the Hudson Rivers betwixt-lands seem to have been interspersed with independent Indian villages, one of which, tradition relates, was built in the vicinity of what has since been known as Belden Point. Here ruled a Mohican chieftain by the name of Naramake, whose descendant (probably son) NARAMAKE<sup>ad.</sup> figured also in old Norwalk history.

MAMACHIMONS.—One of the latest Indian Chiefs. He was useful to the settlers in assisting in the work of establishing the ancient bounds. Several localities were named for him, as Mamachimons Island, Mamachimons Meadow, Mamachimons Bridge.

MAHACHEMO.—Sachem, and supposed to be a hunter. Mahachems seems to have been the name of a Norwalk clan. Some three acres along the west bank of the Saugatuck, and near the Eno estate of 1896, were allotted to Mahachemo.

RUNCKINGHEAGE.—Ruler of Rooton. Much of his upland realm overlooked, for many miles, the waters of Long Island Sound, and among others, the Warren's from "Queen's Village," L. I., were early drawn to the spot.

WINNIPAUKE.—Sachem; owner of one of the Norwalk Islands, and evidently a particular friend of Rev. Thomas Hanford, the first minister in Norwalk, to whom he bequeathed, in 1690, his island property. His home appears to have been about fourteen miles due north from Roton Point, on the height to the southward of the upper Norwalk reservoir, and known from earliest times as Winnipauke's Ridge.

TOMAKERGO, TOKANEKE, PROSEWAMENOS.—Signers, with Mahachemo, of the Ludlow, 1640, deed.

AASHOWSHACK, CHACHOAMER, ANNANUPP, ANTHITUNN.—Mentioned in the Partrick-Goodyear "Confirmation" deed, but have no certain Norwalk status.

COMPOW.—Belonged to the territory east of the Saugatuck.

The following alphabetical roll is largely taken from an almost faded-out page of the Norwalk Records. It is a curiosity in that it is the formal testimony of an ancient





Registrar as to the names and number of the red men inhabiting Norwalk in 1667. Care has been taken to accurately copy the well-nigh obliterated original; and a little study will enable one to give a not altogether inharmonious pronunciation to several of said names.

ANNANUP,	MAGISE,	POPPERG, (doubtful.)	SUKERING,
BENHOWONON,	MAQUSHETOWES,	PORONHUM,	SUWAXUN,
COCKENOE,	MATUMPUN,	POXANOWE,	TOMATOOTUMAN,
CONCUSKENOW,	MEXANDER,	PRODAX,	TOWNETOM,
COWNEFIUS,	NOXANOWE,	PUMPOWIN,	WAMPASUM,
JAMES, <sup>1</sup>	PAMPASKESHANKE,	RUNCHEMUNUTT,	WAWNTON, (doubtful.)
JONAS,	PEMANANTE,	SASSAKUN,	WOMASUNNE.
JOVUS, (doubtful)	POBHEAG,	SHOAKECUM,	WONUMON. (doubtful.)
JOSEPH,	POKESAKE,	SOANAMATUM,	
LAXETT,	POOWAUAUGH,	SOWASAN,	

There is strong ground for the belief that the Norwalk Indians belonged to the Mohicander family, small branches of which spread gradually over the country east of the Hudson, finding the way first to upper western Connecticut, and finally to the sea-shore. There is mention of this tribe's clan-occupancy of the wilderness a dozen miles to the north of Norwalk, and the tradition that after the arrival of the English, at least one of the Norwalk Sachems (Naramake<sup>2d</sup>) departed to the Mohawk territory, is not, it is probable, entirely baseless. This people, beyond doubt, gave the "Norwalk Companie" trouble, as certain repressory measures prove, but as a rule the red man with his "trappes, dogges and arrows" was not altogether savagely disposed toward the whites, while a vote passed in town meeting, as early as 1656, to the effect that "if any man, either English or Indian, take away any man's canoe from any landing-place without leave, he shall forfeit five shillings," would seem to indicate a decided but impartial spirit on the part of the founders. The Indians were allotted land in the planting field, (Benedict's and Marvin's farms,) and as long as they "kept them up well with their fences," all went smoothly. They grew a little lax in this particular in 1664, and were consequently reminded of their agreement.<sup>3</sup>

It is not for a moment to be supposed that, following the Ludlow assignment in their favor, the Norwalk colonists met with no after challenge, land-wise, from the native race, nor in view of the fact of the territory-area need there be surprise that, notwithstanding the explicit terms of the Ludlow-Partrick covenants, controversies should have arisen. Still, there was probably no "overwhelming" difficulty in this direction. Ludlow had been fifteen years absent when Thomas Fitch and Matthew Marvin were chosen<sup>3</sup> to treat with

<sup>1</sup>He probably lived east of the Saugatuck, on the border of Compow's territory. In the Indian quit-claims to Fairfield, bearing date Oct. 6, 1680, occurs the signature of "Norwake James."

<sup>2</sup>Town Records, 1663-4. Action in same direction again taken on Christmas-day, 1669, when an unmistakably worded "voted and ordered" resolution was acted upon.

<sup>3</sup>"At the same meeting it was voted that Mr. Fitch, and Matthew Marvin, junior, are desired and appointed, and it is left to their discretion, to treat with the Indians touching the lands between the West branch of Norwalk river and Saketuk river; to git it to be marked out and bounded twelve miles up the contery at the least, and that it may be dun and finished according to law, and being so bounded and marked, the Indians are to have their 4 coates."



the Indians in relation to the country between one of the branches of the Norwalk River and the Saugatuck. This domain was, of course, included in the Ludlow deed-description, but the action of January 22, 1669, may have been (quite likely was) due to an imperfect conception, by the whites, of the plantation's original geography. Mamachimon seems to have comprehended the situation, and to have been authority in Indian matters.<sup>1</sup> He evidently was upon the spot, and his familiarity with the same caused him to be a power. It is possible that Mahackemo was now dead, and that Winnipauke's and Naramake's remote residenceship militated against close touch with the settlers' every day transaction-interests. In either or any case, Mamachimon was unquestionably a leading spirit.<sup>2</sup>

On the first day of summer, 1670, Lieut. John Olmstead and John Gregory, Sr. were added to the former Indian boundary committee, for the purpose of settling the matter as to mid-Norwalk and Saugatuck Rivers' lands, but just before this (see proprietors record, Apr. 12, 1670,) there would seem to have been ruffled sailing Indian-wise, which, from the nature of the case, was to be expected. The lords of the soil must, with natural reluctance, have surrendered the babbling brooks, the forest glens, the game districts, the pine patches, the rock fortresses and their tribes' resting-places, to all which during numberless moons, they had been endeared, and consequently, if not inch by inch, yet portion by portion, have disputed the pale faces' inevitable possession-progress. There is no registration of any particular "conciliation-crisis" in Norwalk Indian history, nor of over-mastering trouble with the primitive proprietors of the lands, but it is only reasonable to suppose that the latter did not yield without something of a struggle.

A portion of **Chestnut Hill** bearing the name of Indian Field, was early assigned to the aborigines, as was another section called the same, and lying between the settlement and Saugatuck. Ely's Neck, to some extent, was also subsequently made over to them. The reservations more particularly allotted them became visiting points for Indians from abroad. To such an annoying extent was this the case that notice was formally given, in 1702, "to all stray Indians to depart from town to their own places where they properly belong." This act might possibly have been a sequel to the 1698 Game Law, which it was made the special duty of Andrew Messenger and **John Keeler**, deputies, to bring to the attention of the aborigines. Our red predecessors raised indian corn and beans, and lived largely upon "succotash" and shell and sea fish and wild fowl. In the 1635 record of Killian Van Rensselaer's agent, is mentioned that the Mohawks of central New York made dishes of dried strawberries, dewberries and blackberries, and their Connecticut descendants may have done the same. The nearest Indian "mill" of importance seems to have

<sup>1</sup>"Dec. 25, 1669. Voted and concluded that Mamachimon shall have fowre cotes paid to him by the towne, when he shall have settled the bounds of the land up the country, 12 miles at the leaste, against all claims whatsoever."

<sup>2</sup>His name is also affixed to a Sasqua (Fairfield)

deed. The following roll of "Indians in Fairfield to east of Norwalk," is found in the records, from 1683-1701, of the former town: CHERORAMOG, JAKAIS, MACHOKA, MATTANKE, NIMRODD or POCIMOE, OLD ANTHONY, PASCOG, PENOMSEUT, PONEES, SHAGANOSSET, WAIMPOM, WASHUM.



been the "Pequot Mills," in the upper portion of the settlement, now New Canaan, where was a "sett" of granite grinding bowls. After the arrival of the English, they probably either bought, bartered for or begged their meals, for which, however, there was a constantly lessening demand, as they were fast decreasing in number. The shell-filled cavities near Wilson's Point and back of Platt's Hill, near Barren Marsh, and the shell-heaped-up hollows near Saugatuck were, until a comparatively recent period, a pathetic sight. There Naramake's, Pemenante's and Compow's children rest, close by the water they loved and feared, and many of them facing, as do, if tradition be reliable, the remains of their greater chieftain Catonah, the rising full moon which they almost adored. In 1774 not a single red man mentioned in the foregoing list was living, and only nine of their immediate survivors. These, as the years rolled along, passed away, until there was the Cayuga orator's "not one" left to mourn for Logan.

From the fact that the Norwalk Indians parted so readily and so unremuneratingly with their lands, and from the fact, also, that there are few or no records of signal heroism

The St. John woods, on the western slope of Smith's Ridge, and now the ownership of Dr. Samuel St. John of New Haven, a son of the late Prof. Samuel St. John of New Canaan, are notable as the seat of the "Indian Rocks." These so-called "rocks" are a mass of native granite, into which is Indian-cut a tier of cavities for the purpose, evidently, of pounding into coarse "samp" or "hominy" the grains of corn. The squaw sat at the side of the bowl, and with a stone or heavy wood pestle, performed the process. The St. John "mills" do not bear marks of having been used as "boilers," as is the case, remarkably so, with the Norwalk upper-reservoir rock, some three miles beyond the Pequot Mills, and nearer Winnipauke's Ridge. It is a theory not easily disproven, that the Smith's Ridge basins are the work of the Pequots, and that after Ludlow and Partrick's discomforture of this people in Pequot Swamp. Fairfield, there was a scattering of the survivors, the descendants of whom constituted, in a measurable degree, the Indian "help" of the mid and later eighteenth century period. It is believed that a band of these refugees found the woods (St. John's) referred to, and there planted themselves. Here they remained—at the last a very dwindled portion—even until the days of the more recent proprietorship of that section of Smith's Ridge. It is Bouton testimony that the very last occupants thereof left for the vicinity of Peekskill-on-the-Hudson, and that, once in a while, one or more birth-children of the locality, would revisit, in after years, the old spot. The testimony to this effect was taken from the lips of the aged Mrs. Waters Bouton of Canaan Ridge. This reference to the "Pequot Mills" is tradition and inference-based; but, as before intimated, it is difficult to overthrow the surmise.

Indian remains have not, to any considerable ex-

tent, been discovered within the area of middle Norwalk. There were Mohegan burying-grounds at Belden Point, Barren Marsh bank, Indian Field and Saugatuck, but none, probably, of pretence, elsewhere. It seems surprising that with the Indian's innate appreciation of the bold and striking, that such a spot, for instance, as the Norwalk Rocks should not have been appropriated for the burial of their braves. There is, however, no reason for believing, that this eminence was so used. At Boutonville (Lewisboro') and Cross River, in the same town, are distinctly marked Indian cemeteries, but their absence in middle Norwalk is, perchance, an additional argument in support of the theory that such territory was largely hunting-ground.

In the brain and breast of the devotee of natural scenery, the view from the referred-to Norwalk Rocks works effects almost talismanic, and one with eye open to the picturesque can there revel mid romantic delightfulness. From the lower end the ascent by the "west rocks road" is gradual, affording growing glimpses of the vast stretch to the west, north and east, so that when the summit is gained there is almost an inexhaustible range of landscape. The rocks, as the Almighty planted them, are at your feet; there are the charms of bolder slope and scape-irregularity immediately about, and the softness of distant scenery in the far away. The distinguished prelate and graceful poet Right Rev. Arthur Cleveland Coxe, became enthusiastic over the scene and there grew demonstrative, and its skirting hill and dale diversified pastoral country in every point of the compass, finished by the long shining sea line on the south, drew from the able and greatly esteemed Edwin Hall, D.D., historian and for many successive years pastor of the First Congregational Church in Norwalk, well-merited praise.





on their part, as well as from the additional significant fact that while Ponus left his Onox to reign in his stead, and Catonah his son Wachamene, yet that no intelligence any such succession on the part of our red children to regal rights or honors exists, (excepting in Naramake<sup>2d</sup>, supposable case,) it may be fairly argued that our aborigines were the feeble remnant of braver sires. As pertaining to their parent stock, it is well known that the Mohegans left behind them proof of native greatness, but it is hardly probable that any Norwalk annals will ever be overladen with vivid illustrations of local Mohegan transmitted purpose or performance-nobility. There is limited notice of this excellence and it and every authentic Indian mind or manner-mention is a contribution to general information upon an interesting and inviting topic, and therefore worthy of preservation. Some of these pre-occupants of the soil returned, most probably, to the north, but the majority of them, by degrees, disappeared by death and left no representatives.

Heckett, and his brothers two, whose names cannot with certainty be given, seem to be among the last of the Norwalk chieftains. Their wigwams stood at different points between Woodpecker's (North Stamford) and Winnepauke's (Vista) Ridges. Heckett is to-day remembered by a hill on **Ponus Street, New Canaan**, which bears his name. There is a mention that would appear to indicate Ponus-contemporaneousness in his case, but it is vague and seems improbable. Tradition, amounting almost to truth, represents him and brethren as familiar with the later epoch haunts of the revolutionary Col. Sheldon at Lower Salem and Capt. Joshua King of Ridgefield.

It is possible that these Heckett brothers, as was the case with the Indian "Ezra" who lived above Woodpecker's Ridge, and in what is now known as the "High Ridge" district, and who had a son "Roselle," were direct descendants of Ponus. One of Ponus' sons is known to have strayed from the home wigwam, and it is believed that he went to the Oblong neighborhood. Some seventy years ago an Indian is reported to have appeared (see Hurd's Fairfield County) on the top of Flax Hill, who, after a transient glance over the surroundings, disappeared. Not greatly distant from that time a portion of a tribe

"One of the concluding generation of the Norwalk Indians was out-matched and out-witted by one of the settlers grandsons. Matthew Marvin, who lived on the "Fairfield Path," (Fort Point Street, 1896. next lot west of H. M. Prowitt's land) had a grandchild, David, who was deer-footed. During one of the last century Indian troubles, young David Marvin, having been mustered in as a soldier, strayed on one occasion beyond camp bounds. His absence was noticed at headquarters, and a number of white and red men were put in pursuit. The Indians led, and

the wiry David, for some distance, eluded his colorful chasers. The latter constantly gained on him, and finally only a hill's half lay between them. The Indians sent up a victory-yell at which their "game" dropped into a litter of leaves and passed harmlessly by. David lived to found a family, a daughter member of which (Susan) married James Benedict,\* whose home in West Avenue was torn down to make room, years ago, for the LeGlockwood improvements at that point, and the place was way trees to which old home are still in their place.

\*Born Oct. 16, 1797; married Oct. 22, 1819. He was the son of Nathan and grandson of Nathaniel Benedict. His mother was Susannah Sammis of Huntington, L.I., and his grandmother Hannah, daughter of Rev. Thomas Hawley of Ridgefield. One of his sons was the principal of "Hillside" Boarding School.

Norwalk, and himself and brothers may refer with satisfaction to their ancestry. Another daughter of the fleet young Marvin married Shubal Elwood, father of the late Rev. J. Marvin Elwood of Norwalk. Rev. Mr. Elwood had, in his life, been a physician.



accustomed to pay annual visits to Norwalk, and to encamp at the foot of "The Rocks." These may possibly have been the children of "Chicken," whose descendants quarters were a little north of Burr Plain. The venerable Horace Staples, with great positiveness, speaks of his boyhood memories in relation to this tribal remainder.<sup>2</sup>

"Chickens" was a sort of lesser Sachem. Dr. Ezra Stiles, president of Yale College, mentions that during a residence east of the Saugatuck, Chickens committed murder, and was on that account compelled to flee to Redding. He left Redding about 1749, and went to the northern part of the State, where he lived to old age. The Connecticut Assembly granted him a small tract, upon which he resided a few years, and died leaving a family of two or three members. The Burr Plain visits were those, probably, of his Redding or Weston descendants. "Chicken Street" to-day bears the name of this grandson of the Pequonock "Chickens" of 1660."

Some three miles north from Compo's east Saugatuck sovereignty lay an undulating meadow-stretch broken by a forest patch and bordering the old Norwalk and Fairfield boundary line that Mamachimon had been called upon to help define. These chieftains had passed away, and left a small fraction of an Indian clan to tenant, in Ephraim Burr's day, along a brook valley not a great distance to the north-east of said Burr's romantically lying area just alluded to. Ephraim was a grandson of Nathaniel Burr, which Nathaniel was a grandson of John Burr, the first of the name in Fairfield. Ephraim Burr's great-grandfather owned and resided at the site of the "Covenant Oak" at the west end of the present Bridgeport. It was one of the fair homesteads of New England, but fell short, promise-wise, of Burr Plain, afterward "Hockanum," where Ephraim Burr brought up his son Silas, which son, born May 19, 1771, and having married a daughter of Benjamin Banks, of descent on one hand from John Banks, the settler, and on the other from Richard and Margaret Lyon, of Barlow Plain, Fairfield, was a large landed proprietor. Silas Burr's extended Burr Plain home (afterward the New England manor-like estate of his son-in-law, the late Morris Ketchum) is of Norwalk interest by reason of the fact that it was the neighborhood of one of the latest Indian inhabited localities, not alone in the vicinity of Norwalk, but in the entire colony of Connecticut. It is supposed that these red men were the descendants of Chicken, whose name is street-perpetuated to-day, and whose home was near the present Wilton and Weston lines. Mr. Horace Staples (referred to in the text) well remembers concerning the last ones of the race. He states that in his youth it was the custom of the farmers, after their own use of two-thirds of a barrel of cider, to let the balance stand until it became almost vinegar sour. This was kept for the Indians, who preferred it at

that state of acidity. They would come, Mr. Staples relates, men and women, to the farmers' cellars and stand, Indian file, (the squaws in the rear,) until each drank his or her portion, which oftentimes was a full quart of the liquid.

"Hockanum," a portion of the more ancient Burr Plain, occupied, in the fathers' vernacular, a Norwalk "adjoining," and while the spot *au naturel* was somewhat "uncanny," yet under the genius-direction of its earlier and later proprietors' wildness, irregularity and even intricacy became blended excellencies. The result of every touch of Mr. Ketchum's masterly hand was a transformation, and the Indian domain of days long ago now formed a splendid landed, lawn and garden estate. One hundred acres of the rolling area were Burr bequeathed, and its four hundred additional acres were the purchase, from time to time, of its new proprietor. The house was Gothic, and its architectural features and "setting" were in agreeable harmony with its picture environments.

Morris Ketchum, born in Waterford, N. Y., 1796, the fourth child of Amos and Arabella (Landon) Ketchum of Saratoga County, N. Y., and of line descent (see Ketchum lineage) of Joseph and Mercie (Lindall) Ketchum of early Norwalk, was a man of unblemished character, was one of the business magnates of America and an ardent and exalted patriot.

At the Hockanum height-period, Westport was the site of several well known family seats. Francis Burritt was located at the ancient "Rocky Neck" and he greatly beautified the acreage which, since Mamachimon's day had, with a slight exception, remained to a large extent, rocky field and forest lots. From that home emerged two daughters, the brides of the two Ketchum brothers, (sons of Morris) Charles J. and Landon.

Two miles to the north, on the east side of the Saugatuck, and at the head of the avenue called for the chieftain Compow, stood the Capt. Waite homestead. This became the purchase of Hon. Richard H. Winslow, a financier of high repute, and who converted the grounds into a floral and arboreal park. Mrs. Winslow, who descended from one of the history families of Norwich, cognate to the Thos. Fitch family of Norwalk, survived her husband, and married, 2d, R. C. M. Paige, M.D., of New York City.

Opposite to "Compo House," resided a typical New England legal gentleman, John Cleveland, of marked endowments, and whose cleverness was finely unobtrusive. The home was blessed with children,

cognate: Allied by blood,  
closely related to,  
through the females





An interesting document was signed in Norwalk in 1660, at the following instance and to the following effect: The sons of Ponus, whose sachimo was situate several furlongs west of the ancient line of Norwalk, and of Mahackemo,<sup>1</sup> who governed the Norwalk valley, and of Compow,<sup>2</sup> who ruled east of the Saugatuck, and of Queriheag, who, with "his predecessors from generation to generation," reigned over the territory to the east of Compo and west of the Unquowa, had, in the neighborhood of 1658-9-60, removed to some extent from the coast inland. At that time there was left at Pequonnock (Bridgeport) only about one hundred wigwams, which, however, represented a larger population than that at any other single point, perhaps, between the Rowalton (Five Mile River) and the Housatonic. This red remnant was the cause of so much discussion and disagreement among

the wife and mother being the youngest daughter of Ebenezer D. Hoyt of Norwalk:

The venerated Horace Staples, who owes his position to his own merit, holds, as a nonagenarian, the deep and grateful respect of the community of which he has, down to extreme age, been an honored member. His days have been actively employed, his years usefully spent, and now at the approach of four-score and fifteen, the issue of his helpful life is serene satisfaction, while the "Staples High School" is his standing memorial.

His descent deserves description. John Banks, a barrister, came from Windsor to Fairfield in 1651. "He was one of the richest men in Fairfield, and one of the largest land-holders in Fairfield County; that he was from one of the best families of England there is no doubt." His son Benjamin married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Lyon, and had Benjamin,<sup>2d</sup> Benjamin,<sup>2d</sup> married an Ogden. These had a son, Hezekiah Banks, whose daughter married the father of Horace Staples in 1896. The Ketchum-Staples connection arises from the marriage of Silas Burr to a niece of Hezekiah Banks, (the daughter of his brother Benjamin.) Morris Ketchum and his brother Hiram, with Francis Burritt, were particular friends of Horace Staples. Mr. Staples is of the lineage of Thomas Staples, an early Fairfield settler.

<sup>1</sup>The impression concerning Mahackemo is that he was a hunter. What might to-day be termed central Norwalk was, it is logical to deduce, a game district. Undiscovered traces of burial places, "mills," and important relics, such as boiling boulders, cleaving stones, etc., so intimate. Nearer the sea-shore, and notably in the South Norwalk of 1896, there are aboriginal-appearance-remains. Along the upland west of the Tramway power-house, in the present Meadow Street, were Mohawk settlements, possibly. Below Meadow Street two or three Indian cemeteries have

been discovered. In the vicinity of Washington Street graves have been found, and the present Chestnut Street (see W. S. Bouton's contribution in *Hurd's Fairfield County*, page 494) was an immolation-locality. There appears to have been but little of the like, however, in Norwalk proper. Stray Indian interments\* were evidently made in different portions of mid-Norwalk, as stray traditional "Indian rocks" have there been pointed out, but the most that under this head it is safe to say is that the centre of the town was not as densely Indian populated as was the circumference.

There was one genuine "Pockohantes" (a brooklet or rivulet between two heights, and the Indian root-word for Pocahontas, the historic daughter of the royal Powhattan of Virginia,) near, if not actually in, Mahackemo's empire, viz.: the enchanting glen-run a little south of the Branchville Station, on the Danbury Railroad. From the Ludlow deed, it is right to argue that Mahackemo was the head or chief Norwalk Sachem, and if so, his claim to the haunts 'twixt the northern Pockohantes and the southern Naramake-meads no one could dispute. One fact, at least, entitles him to Norwalk Indian remembrance. He was, beyond doubt, the party who received the "consideration," brought, probably, from Fairfield as far as the east Saugatuck bank, on the backs of pack horses, on the day which saw the deed that thenceforth forever alienated the soil from his race's possession, signed and passed, and the first page of Norwalk's history written. It is probable that at the parting that day between Ludlow and Mahackemo, the former intimated to him that his wigwams need not be immediately broken up, and assured him of undisturbed possession for a time. After the settlers came, ten years later, Mahackemo seems to record-disappear, and Mamachimon to have mention.

<sup>2</sup> Sometimes spelled Compoe.

\* The base of the hill, (lower end of the 1896 High Street) held several (supposed to be) Indian bodies. Human remains (possibly Tryon's men buried before the British departure) have been unearthed at Benedict's farm.

\* A Baltimorean, several years since, dug up well-preserved arrow-heads on Town House Hill. These, and sometimes Indian bones, have been found in various portions of this ancient Township.



their Stratford and Fairfield contemporaries that the General Court, in May 1659, interfered, and ordered that Gold Hill (now Golden Hill, Bridgeport) should thereafter be the residence place of these diminishing sons of the soil; and the same Court, for some reason, saw fit to make choice of Norwalk men as a committee to carry out its ordaining. The committee selected was a quartette of the strongest Norwalk settlers, viz.: Matthew Campfield, Thomas Fitch, Richard Olmstead and Nathaniel Ely. These proceeded to their work, laid out eighty of the, to-day, choice Golden Hill acres, and saw that the dusky people there removed. The committee's Court report was dated "Narwoke, May 2, 1660."

The above arrangement continued in force for about a century. In 1763, the Indians (now fast decreasing in number) made complaints of wigwam destruction and of eviction by the whites. As a consequence everything was sold out to the whites, excepting Nimrod's 12-acre spring lot, and none the less than John Huntington, Benjamin Hall and Robert Treat, Esqs., completed the work that the Norwalk committee, one hundred years before, had inaugurated.

Norwalk has no voluminous offering to make to extant Indian lore or legend wealth. Its founders' red brethren, were more or less hardy, physically, and seem to have been endowed with average Indian sagacity. How they appeared in profile we do not know, neither is it ascertained that they were particularly deed or daring prominent. That they were elsewhere, in the new settlements, eclipsed in numbers, is most probable, and that our sea-fringed uplands and lowlands were preserved by them, as in some sort, a hunter's "reserve," is quite possible. The number of stone arrow-heads turned up in the cultivation, in later times, of the Saugatuck soil some distance to the southward of the present Wheeler manufacturing plant, would seem to indicate a native American constituency thereabouts, and from the fact of the existence of "Wampum Hill" in our borders, (Wilton) inference as to an Indian "mint" may reasonably be drawn. But these "straws" are insufficient to establish any very "grand" Indian hypothesis Norwalk-wards; and while the library shelves of their European successors may never be filled with their annals-literature, yet is the not pleasure-unmixed thought of their "Mohican" blood, and the determination to loyally collect all available tales and traditions concerning them a simple but faithful, and because so, the proper tribute to proffer their memory.

Were it possible to obtain it, one foster red son of Norwalk merits vellum portraiture. On Oct. 28, 1646, the Indian apostle, John Eliot, preached his first sermon to the North American natives, and he had so mastered the savage tongue that the aborigines fully understood his message. The name of this first Indian preacher's first Indian preceptor occurs on page 69, col. 1, line 3, of this work's aboriginal calendar. He was a Long Island inhabitant, but an enrolled 1667 dweller in Norwalk. He was a party in the 1651 Runckingeage covenant, and the original of the patronymic of the easternmost of the

<sup>1</sup>He inhabited, near the water, about foot of Gold Hill, a short distance north of the Consolidated road's present station, in the city of Bridgeport, and lived to a great age.



Norwalk islands, viz.: "Cockenoe." Tooker's exceptionally fine and felicitous story of him has this year been published, and the author's concluding words concerning his hero are calculated to awaken a response in every Norwalk breast.

"For the part he took in the rise and development of our settlement—a life-work unparalleled by that of any other Long Island or New England Indian—he deserves to be enrolled upon the page of honor. . . . A scarred and battered fragment from Nature's world—a glacial boulder, typical of the past—should be his monument—on one side a sculptured entablature inscribed :

*To the Memory of a Captive in the Pequot War, the first Indian teacher of  
John Eliot ; a firm friend of the English Colonists ;  
Cockenoe-de-Long-Island."*

The foregoing glowing testimony to a Norwalk associated red child from the pen of the discriminating William Wallace Tooker prompts this aboriginal article's last reflection. The influence for good of the Rev. John Eliot over the untutored Cockenoe cannot for a moment be doubted, neither can the Rev. Thomas Hanford's interest in the unenlightened Winnipauke be for an instant questioned. The "moons" in this latter chieftain's life-history were about "full," and the days of the clergyman were almost numbered, when the aged Sagamore certified that the aged saint was his "beloved friend." It is a beautiful early Norwalk exhibition of Christianity-benignancy, and the subject is worthy of panel-perpetuation.

On the opposite page is a fac-simile of the original Winnipauke-Hanford deed. This document has been fortunately preserved. It seems to have fallen through Rev. Thos. Hanford's son Thomas to said Thomas' grandson John,<sup>1</sup> who lived where now resides Louis C. Green, cashier of the Fairfield County Bank.

<sup>1</sup>At the period of John Hanford's occupation of the present L. C. Green site on the Winnipauk road, the property embraced the Fair Ground of 1896, and extended to the river. On Oct. 28, 1762, Mr. Hanford married Melitabel, sister of Major Samuel Comstock of Wilton, born in 1740, and who served for seven years under the direction of Gens. Washington and Lafayette. Twelve children were born to John Hanford, (see Hanford lineage) one of whom, Charles, married Ruth, daughter of James Seymour, <sup>2d</sup>. His (Chas.) widow, Ruth, married for her second husband, Asa, father of the late Geo. W. and Wm. H. Benedict of South Norwalk. Huldah, born March 7, 1776, daughter of John Hanford and a sister of Charles, married Ebenezer Dimon Hoyt, and resided in the new structure, with fine old colonial porch, still preserved, and standing in the Main Street grounds, forming the Charles E. St. John residence of 1896. In their day the Hoyt's, from their windows, could

unobstructedly look almost down to the head of the harbor pier at which the New York boats of their line landed.

John Hanford died on the first day of Autumn, 1825, his wife having preceded him to the tomb by about seven months. Lafayette had recently visited Norwalk, and the Hanford's because, among other reasons, of Major Samuel Comstock's professional connection with the great General, were interested in the event. About the same time there came through Norwalk some of Napoleon's old soldiers, one of whom, in particular, interested Mr. Hanford by his high praise of his emperor. "Why," said the Frenchman, as he was calling at the Hanford's, "You will find Napoleon's name in the Bible." Handing the sacred volume to the foreigner, Mr. Hanford requested him to turn to the place where such record occurred. The soldier seemingly complied, but suddenly exclaimed, "Oh! this is an old edition."









## NORWALK MALE DOCUMENTARY CENSUS.

1650-1700.

ENGLISH.

*"Ludlow Agreement" Settlers—1650.*

Church, Edward.	Keeler, Ralph, Sr.	Ruscoe, Nathaniel.
Ely, Nathaniel.	Marvin, Matthew, Sr.	Seymour, Richard.
Graves, Isaac. <sup>1</sup>	Olmstead, Richard.	Spencer, Thomas. <sup>1</sup>
Hales, Thomas,	Richards, Nathaniel.	Webb, Richard.
Holloway, John. <sup>4</sup>	Ruscoe, John.	"And some others."

*Additional "Runckingeage" Deed Settlers—1651.*

Beckwith, Stephen.	Fitch, Joseph. <sup>2</sup>	Marvin, Matthew, Jr.
Ely, Samuel. <sup>2</sup>	Haies, Nathaniel.	More, Isaac.
Fitch, Thomas, Sr. <sup>2</sup>	Lumes, Samuel. <sup>4</sup>	

*Additional "List of Accounts" Settlers—1654.*

Bryant, ———. <sup>3</sup>	Nash, Edward.	Raiment, Richard.	Whiting, Giles.
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*Additional "Table of Estates" Settlers—1655.<sup>4</sup>*

Abbott, George, Sr.	Hanford, Thomas, Rev.	Marsh, Jonathan.
Beacham, Robert.	Homes, Richard.	Sension, Matthias, Sr.
Bouton, John, Sr.	Hoyt, Walter.	Sension, Matthias, Jr.
Campfield, Matthew.	Keeler, Walter.	Sension, Matthew.
Gregory, John, Sr.	Kellogg, Daniel.	Seymour, Thomas.
Hales, Samuel.	Lupton, Thomas.	

*Additional "1656" Settlers.*

Morgan, Owen.	Reid, William.
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*Additional "Table of Home Lots" Settlers.*

Benedict, Thomas, Sr.	Fenn, Joseph.	Pickett, James.
Benedict, Thomas, Jr.	Fitch, Thomas, Jr. <sup>2</sup>	Platt, Joseph.
Benedict, John.	Gregory, John, Jr.	Sension, Mark.
Betts, Thomas.	Gregory, Jakin.	Smith, Samuel.

<sup>1</sup>Tentatively, if at all, in Norwalk.<sup>2</sup>Uncertain as to any Norwalk connection other than witness to deed.<sup>3</sup>Alexander Bryan. A Milford real estate agent, who operated in Norwalk.<sup>4</sup>Widow Morgan appears also in this list.





Bushnell, Richard. <sup>1</sup>	Haies, Samuel.	Stewart, Robert.
Campfield, Samuel.	Keeler, John.	Taylor, Thomas.
Comstock, Christopher.	Ketchum, Joseph.	Ward, Thomas.
Crampton, John.	Lockwood, Ephraim.	

*Additional "Hinman Catalogue" Settlers.*

Belden, John.	Hyatt, Thomas.	Raymond, John.
Barnum, Thomas.	Messenger, Andrew.	Reed, John.
Belden, Samuel.	Perkins, Jonathan.	Smith, Joseph.
Betts, Thomas, Jr.	Platt, John.	Smith, Thomas.

*Additional "Grantees" Settlers.*

Beebe, James.	Gregory, Judah.	Nash, John.
Benedict, Samuel.	Hoyt, John.	Rusco, William.
Betts, Samuel.	Jupp, James.	Sention, Ebenezer.
Buckingham, Stephen, Rev.	Ketchum, Edward.	Sention, Joseph.
Campfield, Nathaniel.	Miller, James.	

The underneath roll, dated March 20th, 1656, "of the names of inhabitants that are to attend at Town Meetings" is valuable in that it is the documentary census of the male residents, of lawful age, of Norwalk up to that time.

Abbott, George.	Hoyt, Walter.	Olmsted, Richard.
Beckwith, Stephen.	Jupp, James.	Reed, William.
Betts, Thomas.	Keeler, Ralph.	Ruscoe, John.
Bouton, John.	Keeler, Walter.	Richards, Nathaniel.
Campfield, Matthew.	Kellogg, Daniel.	St. John, Matthew, Sr.
Cly, Nathaniel.	Lupton, Thomas.	St. John, Matthew, Jr.
Critch, Thomas.	Marsh, Jonathan.	St. John, Mark.
Gregory, John.	Marvin, Matthew, Sr.	Seymour, Thomas.
Hales, Thomas.	Marvin, Matthew, Jr.	Ward, Thomas.
Hanford, Thomas.	Moore, Isaac.	Webb, Richard.
Jayes, Nathaniel.	Morgan, Owen.	
Holmes, Richard.	Nash, Edward.	

<sup>1</sup>Was of Saybrook. He had four children—Joseph, Richard, Mary and Mona. He died, and his widow (Maria Marvin, daughter of Matthew, Sr.)

married in 1680, Thos. Adgate of Norwich, and had Abigail, Sarah, Rebecca and Thomas. She died Mar. 29, 1713.

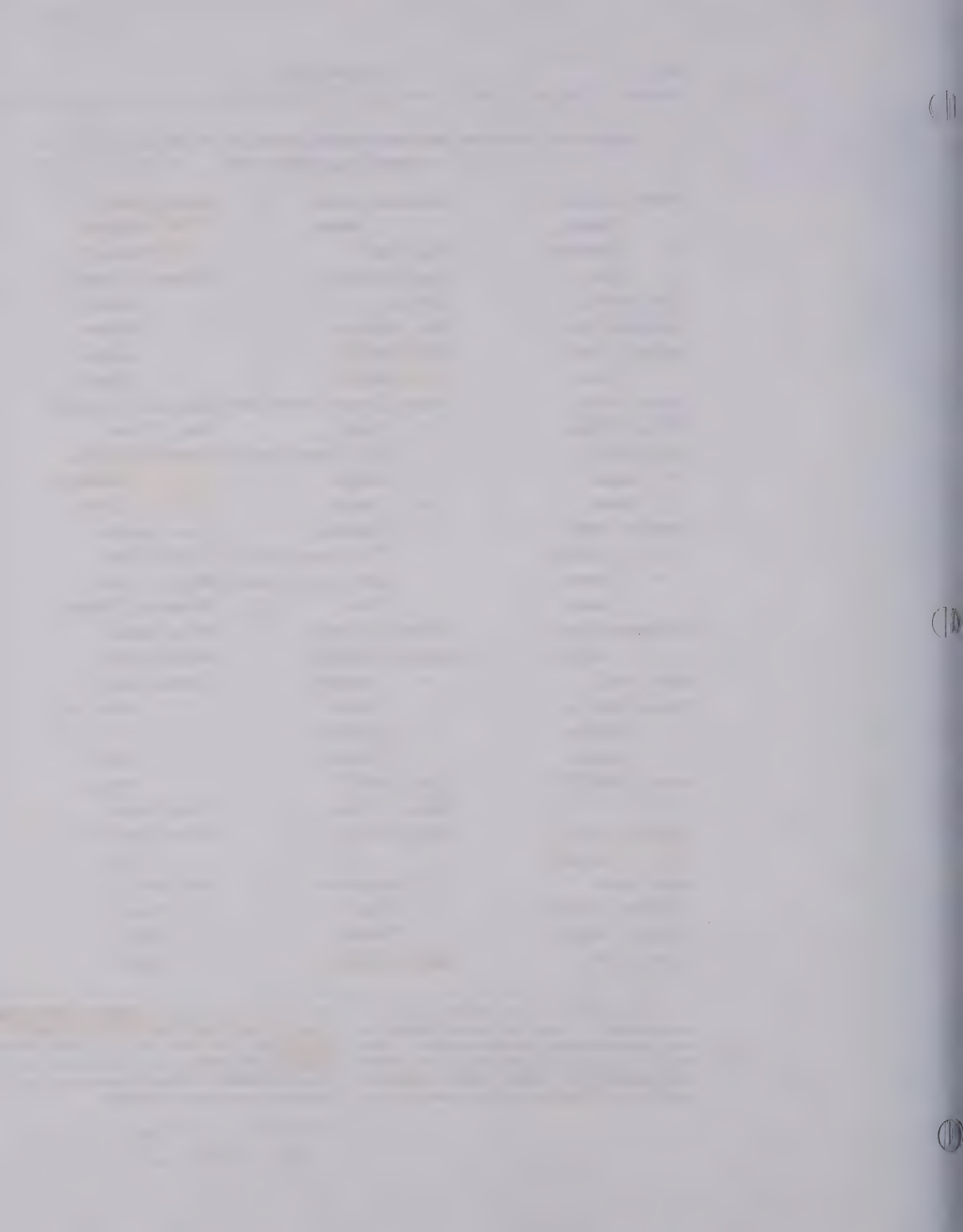


*Register of Additional Male Settlers who came to, or who attained majority in,  
Norwalk, from 1656 to 1700.*

Abbott, George, Jr.	Comstock, Daniel.	Keeler, John.
" Daniel.	" Samuel.	" Samuel.
" Jonathan.	Copp, John.	" Jonas.
" John.	Corsair, Richard.	Kellogg, Benjamin.
Allen, Henry.	Cornish, —.	" Daniel, Jr.
Applegate, John.	Fenn, Benjamin.	" Edward.
Barnum, Thos. Jr.	Fitch, John, Sr.	" Joseph.
" John.	" John, Jr.	" Samuel.
Bartlett, John.	Gregory, Samuel. (son of Jakin)	Ketchum, Nathaniel.
Belden, William.	" Josiah.	Lees, William.
Betts, John.	" John. (son of Judah.)	Lockwood, Daniel.
" James.	" Joseph.	" Eliphalet.
" Daniel.	" Joseph.	" John.
Benedict, Daniel.	" Jonathan.	Lyon, Andrew.
" John, Jr.	" Thos. (son of John, jr)	Lupton, Peter.
" Samuel, Jr.	" John. (son of Jakin.)	Marvin, Thomas.
" James.	" Thos.	Messenger, Daniel.
Blackleach, John.	Goldsmith, Joseph.	Miller, Samuel.
" Benoni.	Hanford, Thos. Jr.	Monroe, David.
Boult, John.	" Theophilus.	Olmsted, John.
Bouton, John, Jr.	" Eliezur.	" James, Sr.
" Matthew.	" Elnathan.	" " Jr.
" Joseph.	" Samuel.	" Joseph.
Brown, James, Sr.	Hayes, James.	" Nathan.
" " Jr.	Haynes, William.	Ovitt, Thomas.
Bushnell, Richard.	Hoyt, John, Sr.	Pickett, James, Jr.
" Francis.	" " Jr.	" John.
Butler, John.	" Zerubbabel.	Platt, John, Jr.
Campfield, Ebenezer.	" Samuel.	" Joseph.
Churchill, Robert.	" Thomas.	" Josiah.
Cplapham, Peter.	Keeler, Ralph, Jr.	" Samuel.

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first minister of Danbury); Lydia (Mrs. John Fitch (son of John<sup>2d</sup>, son of John<sup>1st</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>1st</sup>); Mercy (Mrs. John Bostwick, Jr., of New Milford); Rebecca and Judith, who were unmarried, in 1711. Francis Bushnell's Norwalk house was on the Fairfield Path (Strawberry Hill Road.)



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Allen, Henry.	Cornish, —.	"    Daniel, Jr.
Applegate, John.	Fenn, Benjamin.	"    Edward.
Barnum, Thos. Jr.	Fitch, John, Sr.	"    Joseph.
"    John.	"    John, Jr.	"    Samuel.
Bartlett, John.	Gregory, Samuel. (son of Jakin)	Ketchum, Nathaniel.
Belden, William.	"    Josiah.	Lees, William.
Betts, John.	"    John. (son of Judah.)	Lockwood, Daniel.
"    James.	"    Joseph.	"    Eliphalet.
"    Daniel.	"    Joseph.	"    John.
Benedict, Daniel.	"    Jonathan.	Lyon, Andrew.
"    John, Jr.	"    Thos. (son of John, jr)	Lupton, Peter.
"    Samuel, Jr.	"    John. (son of Jakin.)	Marvin, Thomas.
"    James.	"    Thos.	Messenger, Daniel.
Blackleach, John.	Goldsmith, Joseph.	Miller, Samuel.
"    Benoni.	Hanford, Thos. Jr.	Monroe, David.
Boult, John.	"    Theophilus.	Olmsted, John.
Bouton, John, Jr.	"    Eliezur.	"    James, Sr.
"    Matthew.	"    Elnathan.	"    "    Jr.
"    Joseph.	"    Samuel.	"    Joseph.
Brown, James, Sr.	Hayes, James.	"    Nathan.
"    "    Jr.	Haynes, William.	Ovitt, Thomas.
Bushnell, Richard.	Hoyt, John, Sr.	Pickett, James, Jr.
"    Francis. <sup>1</sup>	"    "    Jr.	"    John.
Butler, John.	"    Zerubbabel.	Platt, John, Jr.
Campfield, Ebenezer.	"    Samuel.	"    Joseph.
Churchill, Robert.	"    Thomas.	"    Josiah.
Clapham, Peter.	Keeler, Ralph, Jr.	"    Samuel.

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Platt, Joseph. (son of John.)	St. John, James.	Taylor, Thos. Jr.
Raymond, John, Jr.	" Samuel.	" John.
" Samuel.	" Thomas.	" Joseph.
" Thomas.	Seymour, Matthew.	Tuttle, David.
Reed, John.	Seymour, John.	Warner, Ralph.
" " Jr.	Sherwood, Isaac.	Warren, Edmond.
" Thomas.	Smith, Richard.	Webb, Ebenezer.
Roach, John.	Stephenson, Jonathan.	Whitney, Henry.
Rockwell, Joseph.	Stewart, James.	" Henry, Jr.
" Jonathan.	" Jonathan.	" John, Sr.
" Thomas.	" John.	" John, Jr.
Rusco, Nathaniel.	Stone, Rev. Mr.	Williams, James.
" Thomas.	Sturdevant, William.	Wood, Richard.
Schriener, Benjamin.	" John.(son of Wm.)	

The foregoing is a copy from the ancient records of the male inhabitants of age, both "Indian and English," of Norwalk, during the town's first fifty years story. The English named inhabitants may justly be denominated the Norwalk "proprietors," the earliest laid out home-lots of whom are indicated on page 39, and reference to which, as well as to their occupants ascent and descent, has here logical place.

#### LINEAGE PREFACE.

In regard to this work's "genealogy," its author assumes no statement-responsibility beyond that of his clients American ancestry and affinity. Of the right and reasonableness of introduced foreign family data the reader must be the judge.

#### HOME-LOT I.

JOHN GREGORY, SR., of Lot I, was the occupant of the southmost Towne Street home (see diagram, page 35) in earliest Norwalk. Eight acres were recorded to him (inclusive of the four acres purchased from his adjoining neighbor, Stephen Beckwith). Of this plot he gave one acre and four rods to his son John, Jr. The "Towne Street" began at the S. E. corner of his door-yard, S. and S. W. of which premises was a lane-way (now lower East Avenue) leading to the water's edge. The Towne Street (East Avenue of 1896) was first staked out, (by Richard Olmsted probably) as far north as the crest of Earle's hill, the north limit, in 1650, of the habitation settlement.

John Gregory, Sr. executed his will Aug. 15, 1689, and his wife is represented at Court (Fairfield) as a widow on Oct. 9th, following, on which date she placed her property in the hands of Rev. Thomas Hanford and Sergt. John Platt. Mrs. Gregory died during that same month, and on Nov. 1 following, the heirs came to an agreement in regard to her estate. The brothers John and James Benedict, who had married the sisters Phœbe



and Sarah Gregory, accepted their wives' portions, of which Gregory's Point was a part,<sup>1</sup> and the remainder of the widow's effects was divided among the five Gregory brothers, the oldest of whom, John, Jr., took the homestead.

#### ORIGIN.

In an ancient New England record "began, June 21 day, A. D. 1648" occurs as follows: The Court ordered June 19, 1665, "the eldest son of Henry Gregory, being John Gregory, to administer upon his estate." The order is destitute of locality affixment, but it is to be found in the Probate archives of Fairfield County, where Norwalk testamentary registries, prior to 1800, are preserved. This first named Henry Gregory is supposed (see New England Historical and Genealogical Register, page 304) to have been the "Henry Gregory of Boston, 1633, and later of Springfield," who was son (see Turner's Grenthams) of John and Alicia Gregory, who were son and daughter-in-law of Thomas Gregory, who was son of Hugo and Maria Gregory, who were children of William, son of Adam Gregory of Highhurst, who is assumed in American Ancestry, vol. 1, page 33, to be son of Charles, son of John Gregory, Lord of the Manors of Fresely and Asfordby, whose wife was Maud, daughter of Sir Roger Motan, Knight of Peckletan, County Leicester.

John Greggoire or Gregory, of Norwalk, may possibly have been the son of the afore-mentioned Henry Gregory of Boston. Humphrey Hyde<sup>2</sup> of Fairfield, who, Schenck says, was of the best blood of England, appointed his "friend John Gregory of Norwalk," to be overseer of his will.—Fairfield Probate Records.

The children of John<sup>1st</sup> and Sarah Gregory were :

#### GENERATION II.

JOHN, JR.

THOMAS; bap. March 19, 1648.

JACHIN.

PHOEBE; married John Benedict.

JUDAH; removed to Danbury.

SARAH; born Dec. 3, 1652, married

JOSEPH; bap. July 26, 1646.

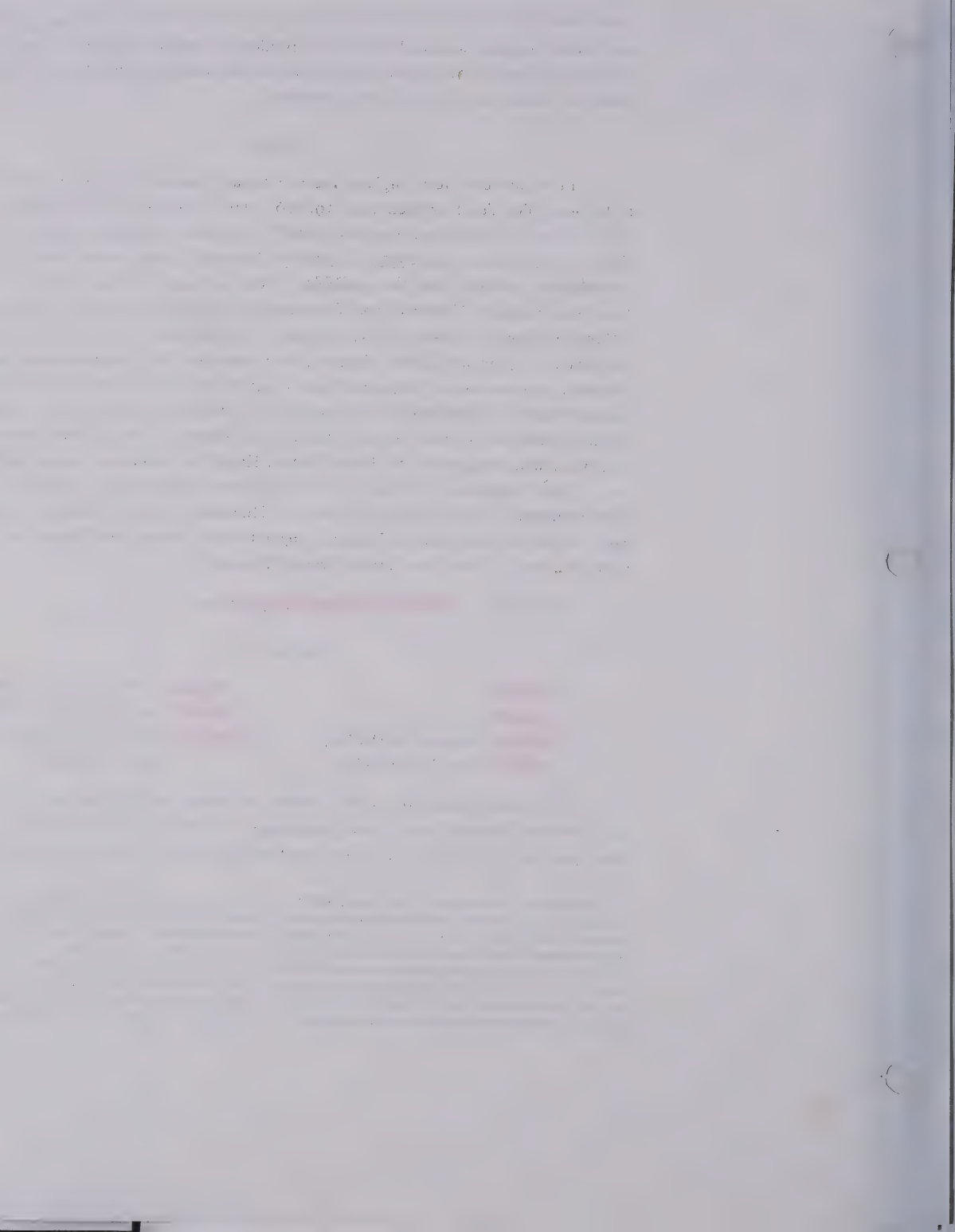
James Benedict.

The second generation of the Gregory and other ancient home-lots proprietors will be elsewhere followed down. Such genealogy, nevertheless, is "anticipated," and topic-order pardonably broken by occasional insertion like to that which here appears.

<sup>1</sup>Recorded to John Benedict and James Benedict by order of the overseers and administrators, three parcels of land noted in the inventory of the estate of the deceased Sarah Gregory, by her willed to them according to the will of her husband expressed in his deed of gift to her; one parcel of the said land lying on the poynt commonly called Gregory's Point, the said parcel containing seven acres and a half, more or

less. Bounded on the east with a creek, commonly called Charles Creek; west and south with the harbor; north with the land of Samuel Smith.—Norwalk Town Records, vol. 1, fol. 95.

<sup>2</sup>Claimed to have been of same family as Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon and Lord Chancellor of England during the reign of Charles II, whose daughter was wife of the Duke of York, afterwards James II.





## ASCENDANTS AND DESCENDANTS OF CAPT. JABEZ GREGORY.

Gen. I.—JOHN AND SARAH GREGORY.

“ II.—THOMAS AND ELIZABETH (PARDEE) GREGORY.

One day—it was Sunday, Oct. 20, 1650—in the same autumn that the Founders were vigorously felling the trees in the Norwalk wilds wherefrom to form their transient cabins, there stood in the town of New Haven and before a colonial magistrate, a young Englishman of twenty-one, whom the Governor was then and there marrying to a daughter of one of his most noted subjects. The groom was a parentless Huguenot, George Pardee by name, and his bride was Martha, daughter of “Judge of Civil Affairs” Hon. Richard Miles. The man did “well” in his selection of a partner, and had five children born to him by Martha, his first wife, the youngest of whom, Elizabeth, was to become an ancestress of a long line of Norwalk children. Elizabeth Pardee was just past nineteen years and six months when, on Christmas day, 1679, she wedded a Norwalk son, Thos. Gregory, baptized in New Haven by Rev. John Davenport. Mr. Gregory was almost twelve years his wife's senior. In younger life he had been engaged in “winning his spurs” in the Indian wars.

Thomas and Elizabeth Gregory,<sup>1</sup> son and daughter-in-law of John Gregory,<sup>1st</sup> had four daughters and only one son, Ebenezer, the second child, born Oct. 26, 1683, died May 30, 1761, who married Dec. 11, 1711, Mary, daughter of John and Rebecca<sup>2</sup> (Lindall) Fitch, grand-daughter of Thos. Fitch, the settler. These had a large family—nine children—of which Jabez, born Jan. 1738, was one of the youngest members. His father gave him, Apr. 8, 1760, one-half of his home-lot on “Pudden Lane,” (upper Main Street, 1896) which lot at that time extended to the river. He also gave Jabez and his brother Elijah, one-half of the rural township of Sharon, in Conn., minus one hundred and twenty Sharon acres already given by him to his son Joseph.<sup>3</sup>

On Jan. 20, 1762, Capt. Jabez (son of Ebenezer) Gregory married Mercy, daughter of Moses and Mercy (Olmsted) St. John. Moses St. John was a son of James and Mary (Comstock) St. John. He married Mercy, daughter of Nathan and Mercy (Comstock)

<sup>1</sup>After Thomas Gregory's decease, his widow, Elizabeth (Pardee) Gregory married<sup>2d</sup>, Lieut. John Olmsted, son of Richard, the settler.

<sup>2</sup>A “Rebecca” Fitch Bible, 1740, is preserved in Norwalk.

<sup>3</sup>Joseph, son of Ebenezer and Mary Gregory, removed in 1759 to Sharon, thence to Greenbush, N. Y., and thence to Catskill in the same State. He had six sons, Stephen, Justus, Elias, Ebenezer, Uriah M. and Daniel. His two daughters were Mary and Hannah.

Stephen, son of Joseph, and nephew of Captain Jabez, became a wealthy merchantman. His son, Daniel E., was the founder of the Gregory crockery

house of Albany. Justus, brother of Stephen, was a minister in the Methodist Church. Clarissa, daughter of Justus, married Rev. Dr. Orton of the Presbyterian body, whose son, Edward Orton, LL.D., was President of the Ohio State University.

Elias, another son of Joseph Gregory, was the grandfather of George F. Gregory of Brooklyn, N. Y., one of the principal members of the Standard Oil Co.

Ebenezer, fourth son of Joseph, was the grandfather of Dr. John Gregory, of Washington, D. C. Dr. Uriah M. and Daniel M., the two youngest sons of Joseph, left several children. Two of this Ebenezer Gregory's daughters married Beldens.



Olmsted,<sup>1</sup> (second marriage) and had Mercy,<sup>2</sup> born 1739, who, at the age of twenty-three, wedded Captain Gregory. The children of Jabez and Mercy Gregory were :

LUCRETIA, born Apr. 10, 1763; married William Maltby Betts.

MOSES, born Feb. 13, 1776.

Capt. Moses, son of Capt. Jabez Gregory, married Feb. 22, 1789, Esther, born Nov. 9, 1769, daughter of Asa and Ruth<sup>3</sup> (Kellogg) Hoyt, and had :

Francis H., born Oct. 9, 1789, Admiral U. S. N. No Norwalk descendants.

Edward, born Dec. 5, 1791: died May 20, 1792.

Esther Antoinette,<sup>4</sup> born Oct. 5, 1795; married Ralph Lockwood.

Frances Augusta, born 1810; married Ira Gregory, M.D.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Nathan Olmsted's first wife was Sarah, daughter of Ralph<sup>2d</sup> and Grace (Lindall) Keeler.

<sup>2</sup>On Oct. 28, 1839, this remarkable woman died, at the age of one hundred years, in the Jabez Gregory home at "The Spring," in lower Main Street, (site in 1896 of the J. F. Bennett and adjoining store properties). This commodious edifice and its generous grounds somewhat resembled the "Isaacs House," on the other side of "The Bridge." The river bank in the rear was bough-overhung, and with the tree growth in other parts of the large yard, the spot was inviting, notwithstanding the changes that business surroundings were gradually bringing about. The house-interior had much in common with the fine old-time taste that reigned within a number of the Norwalk homes of the period. The "Spring" was a particular feature of the place. It issued from Harry's (afterward "Mullen's") Hill, and was possibly first appropriated by Henry Whitney, Sr., the founder of the "mill at the Bridge." It was noted for the clarity and coldness of its water, which was taken away in pitchers and buckets by neighboring residents, and in jugs and small casks by the farmers and frolickers who came from the back country to cut salt hay or to clam and fish down the harbor. The spring's overflow created a silvery stream that crossed the Gregory yard and emptied into Norwalk river. After Capt. Jabez Gregory's day, this overflow was made to form a basin, which was enclosed, and caused to subserve a sort of refrigerator-purpose for the benefit of lessees of the lower part of the old building, for restaurant use. Mrs. Gregory had three sisters, Susanna, (Mrs. James Raymond of Bedford,) Lydia, (Mrs. William Seymour,) and Sarah, (Mrs. Gershom Hubbell of Greenfield Hill). Her brother Stephen was the grandfather of the late Mrs. Henry Chichester of Brooklyn, and of the two surviving children of Stephen St. John,<sup>4th</sup> Mrs. Lawrence M. Stevens and Mrs. Gould Jennings, both of Norwalk.

<sup>3</sup>She was the daughter of Samuel Kellogg,<sup>2d</sup> born Dec. 23, 1706, who was the son of Samuel and Sarah (Platt) Kellogg, who was the son of Daniel and Brid-

get (Bouton) Kellogg, the Norwalk Kellogg settlers. One of Mrs. Ruth Hoyt's sisters was Elizabeth, wife of Matthew Reed, who was the father of Esther, (Mrs. Isaac Belden). Matthew Reed was the son of William and Rachel (Kellogg) Reed. His mother was a daughter of Sam'l. Kellogg. His namesake-nephew, was the N. Y. City bank president, whose Persian snow-white parlor carpets, banded with crimson, are a Norwalk mention to-day. He was great-grandfather of the Wilson sons, of Belden Neck, of whom the youngest, Victor, is now the only survivor. Another sister of Mrs. Asa Hoyt (see Kellogg lineage) and aunt of Mrs. Moses Gregory, was Mary, wife of Black-leach Jessup, who was brother of Dr. Ebenezer Jessup, the great-grandfather of Morris K. Jessup, of New York City.

Asa Hoyt, born Aug. 23, 1744, was son of Nathan and Elizabeth Hoyt. His sister Eunice was the wife of Noah Smith, who was the grandfather of the late Stephen and Henry Smith of Newtown Avenue.

<sup>4</sup>Was social and of old-time nice sense of conventional propriety. The old-fashioned Gregory "afternoon tea" invitations were thus language-couched:

*"Miss Gregory's compliments to..... and requests the pleasure of your company at her home, etc."*

<sup>5</sup>Dr. Ira Gregory, born Jan. 31, 1804, who belonged to the school of pathology of which the skillful Drs. David H. Nash of Bridgeport, David Richmond of Westport, Nehemiah Perry of Ridgefield, Samuel S. Noyes of New Canaan, Nathaniel D. Haight of Stamford and Uriah Rogers. (Sr. and Jr.) Jonathan Knight, John A. McLean, Emery Bissell and Samuel Lynes of Norwalk were members, was a sage, safe and sympathetic physician of this latter town. Himself and brethren named represented talent, and were professionally successful. He was the great-grandson of Matthew Gregory,<sup>1st</sup> (son of Jachin, son of John Gregory, Sr.) who owned the eligible sites to-day of the Norwalk Baptist Church and its neighboring Belden and Betts properties. Matthew Gregory<sup>1st</sup> was



Frances Augusta, daughter of Capt. Moses and Frances Esther Gregory, married July 26, 1842, Ira (M.D.) son of Moses and Abigail Gregory of Wilton, and had :

James G., born May 12, 1843.

Julia Augusta, born May 12, 1843 ; died March 19, 1859.

Esther Abby, born April 19, 1847 ; married Albert Ernst Barclay.

Virginia Antoinette ; married G. Willis White, Jan. 10, 1872.

James G. Gregory, M.D., son of Ira and Frances Augusta Gregory, married Dec. 5, 1877. Jeanette Lindsley, daughter of Rev. Timothy (M.D.) and Jeanette L. Pinneo,<sup>1</sup> and had :

Edward Slauson ; (Ward), born April 2, 1879.

Jeanette Lindsley, born Dec. 31, 1881.

Alyse Earle, born July 19, 1882.

### HOME-LOT II.

NATHANIEL HAYES, SR., of Lot II, and concerning whom Nathaniel Bouton, D.D., orator in 1851, at the two hundredth celebration of the founding of Norwalk, declares "nothing certain is known of his origin," was in Norwalk as early as 1655. He came hither, it would appear, with a junior brother, Samuel,<sup>1st</sup> born 1640. Nathaniel had a large family. He reported, in 1672, seven children, of whom three, possibly, died young, as at the drawing of his will, Apr. 7, 1705, and its inventory, Mar. 12, 1706-7, these children only are mentioned :

SAMUEL,<sup>2d</sup>.

NATHANIEL,<sup>2d</sup>.

RACHEL ; (Mrs. Alexander Messenger.)

JAMES.

the father of Ezra Gregory,<sup>1st</sup> the patriot, whose daughter Sarah married Jesse Sterling, who was the father-in-law of the late P. C. Calhoun, President of the Fourth National Bank, N. Y. City. President Calhoun's grandson, the late Harry W. Latham of Los Angeles, Cal., one of the prdest and most promising of Norwalk school youth, and one of the rarest of his rising generation, died this year, greatly beloved and deeply lamented.

The parent of Ezra Gregory,<sup>1st</sup> selected for a home for two of his sons, Ezra and Matthew,<sup>2d</sup>, the site in the green Wilton field, and beneath its blue sky, to-day the ownership of Julian Gregory. The old house, out of the portals of which passed the valorous Ezra<sup>1st</sup>, who lives in the veneration of "children's children" of the third generation, exists to this hour. From thence emanated Benjamin, the youngest of the family of Ezra,<sup>1st</sup> and who was the father of the more recent Dudley S. Gregory, the New Jersey capitalist, and of New York and Jersey City ferry fame. Mary, the sister of Dudley S., be-

came the wife of one of this nation's artists, CATLIN, the Indian painter, of whose high name time and change cannot rob him. His works adorn the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C.

Matthew,<sup>2d</sup> brother of Ezra,<sup>1st</sup> occupied the still standing structure on the hill, the first to the west of the Wilton Congregational Church. At the time of Tryon's Danbury raid, the troops as they approached Matthew Gregory's dwelling, struck up a drum air. The men at once drove the horses and cattle to the woods. Upon reaching the house a shot-volley was discharged, but with no harmful effect. Mrs. Gregory at that time was praying with and protecting her children in the cellar.

Dr. Ira Gregory of Norwalk, was the son of Moses, who was the son of Ezra Gregory.

<sup>1</sup>Timothy Stone Pinneo, born at Milford, Conn., Feb. 18, 1804. Graduated from Yale College, 1824, and from Lane Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio, as a physician, in 1826. Practiced medicine in the South for several years, when his health gave way. He was of a





SAMUEL HAYES, SR., brother of Nathaniel, Sr., who was probably in his teens when he arrived in Norwalk, married first, a daughter of Isaac More or Moore of Farmington, Conn., and afterward of "home-lot" 16 of Norwalk.

The children of Samuel Hayes, Sr., by his first wife, were :

SARAH, b. Sep. 19, 1673, (Mrs. Matthew Seymour.)

RUTH, (Mrs. John Belden, Sr.)

ANN, (Mrs. Justus Bush,) of Greenwich.

ISAAC, born Aug. 27, 1682.

The Norwalk Hayes' (see Hayes lineage) have descended from the two brothers, Nathaniel<sup>1st</sup>. and Samuel<sup>1st</sup>.



Hayes.

The here presented Hayes family legend was sent to this country last spring by the Earl of Erroll, of Great Britain.

#### Legend of the Battle of Loncartie, or the origin of the "Hays."

"In the reign of Renneth III, the Danes having invaded Scotland, about the year 980, with a great and numerous army, were opposed by the King Renneth, who gave them battle near Loncartie in Perthshire, where the Scots were worsted and fled.

In their flight through a narrow pass, they were met by a brave Scotsman and his two sons who were labouring their ground near by; they stopt them, encouraged them to

decided literary turn, and became Professor of Mathematics in Marietta College, Ohio, where he met Miss Jeannette Lindsley, daughter of Joel Harvey Lindsley, President of the institution. Married her June 1, 1848. Five children were born to them, two of whom died in early childhood; three survived, Jeannette Lindsley, Dotha Stone and James Arthur. Dr. Pinneo died Aug. 2, 1893, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. James Glynn Gregory, Norwalk, Conn. Mrs. Pinneo died Jan. 23, 1889, in Norwalk.

Dr. Pinneo was one of the pioneers in the great work of writing the best school books. He was the author of Pinneo's Grammars, McGuffey's Readers, and other works. He was a man of distinguished abilities, being a brilliant scholar, but of extreme

modesty. He was noted for his piety, and benefited every community in which he lived by his learning and goodness.

'The Farmington, Conn., town records read thus: Nov. 17, 1737, Matthew Seymour of Ridgefield, Samuel Seymour and Thomas Seymour of Norwalk to John Belden of Norwalk, a piece of land in Farmington that had been the property of their honored gr. grandfather, Mr. Isaac More (or Moore) and also a purchase made by their grandfather, Mr. Samuel Hayes of Norwalk, of their great-grandfather, Mr. Isaac More.

On the Farmington Church register appears :

Ruth Moore, born Farmington, Jan. 5, 1656, bapt. at Norwalk.



rally, telling it was better and more honorable to die in the field fighting for their King and their country, than to fly and afterwards be killed by the merciless Danes; by thus upbraiding their cowardness they were prevailed upon to stop.

The father and his sons having only such arms as their ploughs furnished them with, led back their countrymen, who returned to the charge. They renewed the fight, fell upon the Danes and made a most furious onset, crying aloud, "Help is at hand." The Danes believing that a fresh army had fallen on them, soon gave way, whereby the Scots obtained a complete victory and effectively freed their country from servitude. The battle being over, the old man (afterwards known by the name of Hay) was brought to the King, who gave him and his sons, as just reward of their valour and merit, so much land on the side of the river Tay in the carse of Goneril, as a falcon, set off a man's hand, should fly over before she settled. She flew over about six miles of ground in length which was afterwards called Erroll (and the property remained in the family until 1633 when it was sold in consequence of the extravagance of the tenth Earl.) The King further promoted the old man and his sons to the order of the nobility, and assigned them a coat of arms, viz., argent, three scutcheons, gules, to imitate that the father and the two sons had been the three fortunate shields of Scotland.

Supporters: two men in country habits, each holding an ox-yoke over his shoulder.

Crest: on a wreath, a falcon proper.

The property in Aberdeenshire now in the family was given by Robert Bruce about the year 1306.

'While the mistletoe bats on Erroll's aik,<sup>1</sup>  
And that aik stands fast—  
The Hays' shall flourish—and their good gray hawk  
Shall not flinch before the blast;  
But when the root of the aik decays,  
And the mistletoe dwines<sup>2</sup> on its withered breast,  
The grass shall grow on Gerroll's hearthstane,  
And the Corbiè<sup>3</sup> roup<sup>4</sup> on the Falcon's nest.'

(1) Oak.

(2) Fades.

(3) Crow or Raven.

(4) Croak.

The Mistletoe is the badge of the Hays'. Formerly there grew a large ancient oak in the neighborhood of Erroll, which was full of this plant.

A spray of this Mistletoe, cut by a Hay, had certain charms; and it was affirmed,

Sarah Moore, born Feb. 12, 1661, bap. Farmington, etc.

Here, beyond doubt, we find the Hayes maternity of all of Samuel's line. The Farmington deed registration and the similarity of names—Ruth, Sarah and Isaac being MORE family names, and afterward bestowed by Samuel Hayes upon his own children—clearly point in such direction. That Nathaniel and

Samuel Hayes were brothers is believed from the fact that the latter speaks of the former as "brother." Samuel Hayes also refers to Nathaniel Richards as "father Richards." It is possible that said Samuel married, for a second wife, a daughter of Nathaniel Richards by his first wife. It also seems that one of the Hayes' married the widow of James Pickett,<sup>1st</sup> of Danbury.





'when the root of the oak had perished, the grass should grow on the Hearth of Erroll, and a Raven sit on the Falcon's nest.' The oak is gone, and the estate lost to the family."

The life-current that finds its source in the arteries of the Earl of Erroll's heroic "Hay" courses the life-channels of a large Norwalk Betts, Belden, Cannon, Seymour and St. John company, and like the vital sap of his Lordship's hardy "aik," it is a fructifying tide. The family's genealogy is an interesting Norwalk study, aside from the legend.

#### OF HAYES' DESCENT.

After Richard Seymour, of Home-lot II, had been carried from the now Mrs. Theodocia Bradley house site for burial, his widow, having married a well-known official at the colony's capital, thither removed, taking with her (see note 2, page 40) the three young Seymour children, and leaving behind the oldest child of the family. He, Thomas, had married a daughter of Matthew Marvin<sup>1st</sup> and had settled down in life. His son Matthew, named for the lad's grandfather Marvin, married one of the three daughters of Samuel Hayes, Sarah, sister to Ruth, who married John Belden, Sr., and to Ann, who appears to have married a Greenwich Bush. Mrs. Matthew Seymour was evidently a considerate and conscientious woman. The Norwalk pastor, Rev. Thos. Hanford, had now (1694) died, and from the fact that the two Hayes sisters, Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Belden, made a journey to Fairfield to have their two children baptized,<sup>1</sup> and one—Mrs. Belden—and the

'The brief life story of one (Ruth Belden) of the little one's taken through the piety of Christian parents to Fairfield, and there, that day, (Oct. 7, 1694) baptized, is not destitute of pathos. Little Ruth's mother (Mrs. John Belden, Sr.) was the daughter of Samuel Hayes, whose first wife was, as has been observed, from Farmington. We have record of the birth-place of this early New England mother, (Mrs. Samuel Hayes) but we do not know the place of her burial. She probably rests somewhere in the ancient burial ground in the lower part of the town, while her grand-daughter fills the oldest inscribed grave in the bounds of Norwalk, beside which, as one stands and recalls the Fairfield pilgrimage, when its young occupant was dedicated to the Lord, and then was brought back to her Norwalk hill-slant home, nigh to the sparkling Strawberry Hill stream, there soon to blanch and fade, these well-known lines seem apposite:

By cool Siloam's shady rill  
How fair the lily grows;  
How sweet the breath beneath the hill,  
Of Sharon's dewy rose.

Lo such the child whose early feet  
The paths of peace have trod;  
Whose secret heart with influence sweet  
Is upward drawn to God.

By cool Siloam's shady rill  
The lily must decay;  
The rose that blooms beneath the hill  
Must shortly fade away.

The fitting counterpart of this young sleeper's East Norwalk memorial, reading:

**"RUTH BELDEN,**

*Daughter of Lieut. T. John and Ruth Belden,*  
*aged 14 years,*

*Died Jan'y 21, 1704-5;"*

is a slab in the peaceful Greenfield Hill burial ground, on which is thus traced:

*"In Memory of*

**WILLIAM JORDAN,**

*who died July 26, 1794,*

*aged 15 years 2 months and 11 days."*

Willie Jordan, "alike to friends and strangers dear," was a bright South Carolina lad who was under the parental care of the daughter (Mrs. President Timothy Dwight) of a Norwalk mother who, in girlhood, ranged the meadows that constitute the Morgan Avenue of 1896; and the Norwalk application of "Cool Siloam" to little Ruth Belden's short history reminds of the Norwalk association of another gem of Christian hymnology, beginning:

I love Thy kingdom, Lord,  
The house of Thine abode;  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved  
With His own precious blood—

which words flowed from the pen of a son-in-law (Dr. Timothy Dwight) of the same Norwalk Morgan Avenue maiden (Esther Isaacs) referred to in this paragraph.



husband of the other—Matthew Seymour—to make profession of their faith, is inferred that Mr. Hanford's place was at that time entirely vacant.

To one of these good women, Mrs. Matthew Seymour, was born Thos. Seymour,<sup>3d</sup> (Thomas Seymour<sup>2d</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>1st</sup>, it is supposed died young) who grew to become the progenitor of the Seymour's of "White Oak Shade," New Canaan. Thomas Seymour founded his pleasant home near the bend of the present New Canaan and Darien road, a short distance south of the 1896 Mead corner, at the intersection of the Norwalk and before-mentioned New Canaan highways. Capt. Thomas Seymour had a large family to his namesake son, of which he gave, in 1764, his home. Another son, Ezra<sup>1st</sup>, married on Nov. 23, 1769, Abigail Waterbury of Stamford, and had Ezra<sup>2d</sup>, born Dec. 16, 1771, who remained through life unmarried. He was a faithful attendant at St. Mark's Church, New Canaan, being found, late in life, regularly in his pew on the east side of the chancel, before the same was remodelled. His sister Rebecca, twelve years his junior, married Frederick<sup>1st</sup> son of Jonathan and Deborah Ayres.<sup>1</sup> These had a son, Frederick<sup>2d</sup>, who sought his bride in one of the old families of Westchester County. She was the daughter of Asa and Sally Raymond of Salem. Like his father and his Ayres uncles, Frederick Seymour Ayres, (Frederick<sup>2d</sup>.) was alert and ambitious, and after a transient New Canaan business career, established himself in the near vicinity of one of the Nation's important and imposing establishments—the Watervliet U. S. Arsenal, in Albany County, N. Y.—where he prospered. He finally removed from the Empire State to the West, and there now resides. His daughter Carrie married Col. Frederick St. John Lockwood of Norwalk. Another son of Frederick<sup>1st</sup> and Rebecca Seymour Ayres, is Chauncey Ayres, M. D., now of Stamford, while a daughter is the relict of the late Rev. John Purvis, who was an intimate of Sir Walter Scott, and a highly esteemed presbyter of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

<sup>1</sup>These two New Canaan foreparents (Deborah was a Scofield) married July 21, 1771, and founded the Ayres home that stood some distance west of the "Platt Farm," on Haynes' Ridge, now the elegant Child estate, "WISGAUNONTA." Nine children were brought up in this home. The sons became prominent business men, while the daughters were actively occupied in household duties during the secular week and seen on Sunday in the sanctuary, to which, crossing the Stamford perambulation path and adown Haynes' Ridge, they regularly rode. Fred<sup>k</sup><sup>1st</sup> married Rebecca Seymour, as has been noted, and lived in the central New Canaan abode, now supplanted by the Rogers Clothing establishment. Minot and Jared selected the slightly Claphoard Hill for residences. Ebenezer chose the sundown slope of Brushy Ridge, and Amos the busy site of the present Benedict & Co. manufactory. Minot was thrice married, his last wife, Lucretia Raymond, having been aunt to Norwalk's late first Selectman, Oscar W. Raymond. Ebe-

nezer, Amos and Jared married three sisters, the daughters of Samuel Lockwood, whose farm took in grand meadow acres then and now skirting west from the lower end of Canaan Ridge, as far as the Bedford road. Ebenezer was the father of Julia Ann, who married Judge Mason Carter of Norwalk, and the grandfather, through his son Hezron, of Emma, who married William T. Comstock of Norwalk, and whose niece, (Sally) daughter of her brother, a younger son of Hezron Ayres, married February 7, 1895, Le Grand, oldest son of George H. Raymond of Norwalk, whose grandfather, as per Haynes Ridge article, took especial delight in walking along those splendid heights, particularly when the electric clouds were preparing, from behind the odoriferous Bedford Aspetong (grape growing) Mountains, for their majestic exhibition o'er William Haynes' broad plateau. The memory of said vicinity's thunder and lightning sublimity in former times has not entirely faded to-day.



## ASCENDANTS AND DESCENDANTS OF ALLEN HAYES BETTS.

## HAYES LINE.

Gen. I.—SAMUEL AND RUTH HAYES.<sup>1st</sup>

“ II.—ISAAC AND ELIZABETH (SHERWOOD) HAYES.

“ III.—ISAAC<sup>2nd</sup>, AND MARGARET HAYES.

As Isaac Hayes<sup>2d</sup>, born March 23, 1703, and his second cousin, Thomas Hayes<sup>1st</sup> (James<sup>1st</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>1st</sup>) born Jan. 31, 1714, were the two early Hayes known to have gone to the Oblong, and as Thomas<sup>1st</sup> did not marry until later,<sup>1</sup> it follows that Ruth Hayes, born Oct. 18, 1739, “daughter of Col. Hayes of Salem,” was possibly and probably a daughter of Isaac Hayes<sup>2d</sup> and the same who married Josiah Betts (Matthew, Thomas<sup>2d</sup>, Thomas<sup>1st</sup>) born Feb. 5, 1735, of Norwalk. To this pair was born, on the very day (July 21, 1776) that armed men entered the Hayes’ old Salem parish Church and stopped a service that was not for a generation resumed, ALLEN HAYES BETTS, a younger child of Josiah and Ruth (Hayes) Betts.

Allen Hayes Betts married, first, Susanna, born Apr. 17, 1776, widow of Lewis Gruman, and daughter of Stephen Gregory, and had :

Antoinette,<sup>2</sup> born Apr. 19, 1806 ; Polly Delia,<sup>3</sup> born Dec. 24, 1813 ;Carmi,<sup>1st</sup> born May 24, 1808 ; Allen, born July 6, 1817.

Carmi,<sup>1st</sup> oldest son of Allen Hayes Betts and wife Susanna, married Oct. 6, 1834, Julia, born July 11, 1814, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah<sup>4</sup> (Davenport) Bates of Darien, and had :

Julia, born March 8, 1836 ; Allen Gregory, born March 12, 1841 ;

Mary Eleanor, born Dec. 29, 1837 ; Nelson, born July 14, 1843, died young.

Ann, born Jan. 19, 1840 ; Carmi Frederick, born Sept. 13, 1846.

<sup>1</sup>It is possible for Thos. Hayes<sup>1st</sup> to have been married earlier than his Elizabeth Benedict union, consequently to have been the father of Ruth Hayes, (Mrs. Josiah Betts). This, however, is quite improbable. Ruth was an Isaac Hayes family name, albeit the name given to her son (Allen) belonged to the Thos. Hayes branch.

<sup>2</sup>Married William Burwell St. John. William St. John and his brother David lived for many years on “Seer” hill. Their mother was Mary, daughter of Jonathan Camp. David lived on Seer hill, but William, in the latter part of his life, removed to the Joseph St. John corner, (Newtown Avenue and Cannon Street, 1896) where himself and wife died. Neither of the brothers had issue.

<sup>3</sup>Married Nelson Wilcox, who was son of Matthew<sup>1st</sup> and Susanna (Hoyt) Wilcox. Mrs. Matthew Wilcox<sup>1st</sup> was the daughter of John and Ruth (Gregory) Hoyt, which Mrs. John Hoyt, born Feb. 3d, 1764, was the second daughter of Stephen and Mary (Benedict) Gregory. The Wilcox or Wilcoxon fam-

ily is of Welsh origin. Gideon Wilcox was the father of Matthew<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk. The children of Nelson and Polly Delia (Betts) Wilcox were; Agnes Amelia, died young; Ophelia Susan; Amanda Malvina; Antoinette Betts; Mary Delia; Elvira Louisa; Emma Frances. Ophelia Susan, daughter of Nelson and Polly Delia Wilcox, married Fred’k R. Wasley of Norwich, Conn. Her sister, Elvira Louisa, married Phineas St. John. Her sister Emma Frances married Samuel Wixon Hoyt. Fred’k R. and Ophelia Susan Wasley had no children. Phineas and Elvira Louisa St. John had Delia E., Nelson W., Arthur Fred’k W. and William. Samuel Wixon and Emma Frances Hoyt had Maud Emma Frances and Samuel W. Hoyt, Jr.

<sup>4</sup>Mrs. Jonathan Bates was a daughter of Dea. John Davenport of Davenport Ridge, near North Stamford. Dea. Davenport, (son of John, who was son of Rev. John<sup>2d</sup>, who was son of Rev. John<sup>1st</sup>, of New Haven,) married Prudence, daughter of James Bell of Stamford. Prudence Bell was a sister, probably, of Isaac Bell, referred to in Home-Lot III, foot notes.





Carmi Betts,<sup>1st</sup> died Oct. 28, 1846.

Allen Hayes Betts married, second, Betsey, daughter of Seth Marvin, and had no issue.

Allen, son of Allen Hayes and Susanna Betts, married May 24, 1852, Anna Maria, born Sept. 26, 1828, daughter of Lewis<sup>1</sup> and Ann (Hoyt) St. John, and had :

Alice, born June 14, 1853 ;	Albert Allen, born Mar. 14, 1862 ;
Ansel Carmi, born Oct. 29, 1854 ;	Ada St. John, born Mar. 1, 1864.
Arthur Lewis, born Oct. 12, 1856 ;	Alfred William, born Oct. 11, 1869.
Anna Bell, born Feb. 2, 1859 ;	

Allen Gregory, son of Carmi<sup>1st</sup> and Julia Betts, married Oct. 22, 1861, Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Geo. W. and Mary Esther (Bouton) Jennings, and had :

Ella, born June 22, 1862 ;	Frederick C., born Dec. 30, 1867 ;
Charles Jennings, born Dec. 22, 1864 ;	Mary Florence, b. Aug. 22, 1869, d. young.

Alice, daughter of Allen and Ann Maria Betts, married June 11, 1878, St. John, son of Thomas B. and Sally Ann (St. John) Merrill.

Ansel Carmi, son of Allen and Ann Maria Betts, married Dec. 16, 1886, Jessie Randle, daughter of Stephen Henry and Sarah (Randle) Smith, and had :

Florence Elizabeth, born Sept. 14, 1887, died Oct. 21, 1896 ;  
 Adele Randle, born April 7, 1890 ;  
 Mary Frances, born July 18, 1893.

Arthur Lewis, son of Allen and Ann Maria Betts, married Feb. 22, 1886, Ella B., daughter of Caleb Strong and Jane (Vallette) Clay of Kingston, N. Y. Mr. Betts died Mar. 8, 1891, leaving no children.

Anna Bell, daughter of Allen and Ann Maria Betts, married June 17, 1884, Charles Anson, son of Frank and Jane (Fellow) Smith. Mr. Smith died Jan. 27, 1894. No issue.

<sup>1</sup>Lewis St. John, born 1800, was son of Phineas<sup>2d</sup>, and Sally (Abbot) St. John. His father, Phineas<sup>2d</sup>, born 1778, was son of Phineas<sup>1st</sup>, born Dec. 15, 1748, and Esther (Whitney) St. John. Mrs. Phineas St. John<sup>1st</sup>, born Feb. 3, 1751, was a daughter of Capt. David and Elizabeth (Hyatt) Whitney. Her father, Capt. David, acted an important part on the morning of the burning of Norwalk, in 1779. The services of his vessel and himself were offered his suffering townspeople. Lewis St. John's mother, Sally Abbot, born June 13, 1780, was a daughter of Judd and Sarah (Weed) Abbot. Judd Abbot, born July 7, 1760, was a son of John and Elizabeth (St. John) Abbot, and a grandson of John and Eunice (Judd) Abbot, and a great-grandson of John Abbot, the early wheelwright,

who was a son of George Abbot, the first of the name in Norwalk. Lewis St. John married Anna, born Oct. 18, 1804, youngest daughter of John and Ruth (Gregory) Hoyt. John Hoyt, who was the son of John and Sarah (Pickett) Hoyt, (Daniel<sup>v</sup>, Zerubbabel<sup>iv</sup>, John<sup>iii</sup>, Walter<sup>ii</sup>, Simon<sup>i</sup>), owned largely in what is now known as "Whistleville," a little southwest of South Norwalk, and there resided. His daughter, Ann Maria, married, as is noted in the text, Allen Betts, the present proprietor of the steam sawing establishment on Cannon Street, a representative from Norwalk in the Connecticut Legislature during the years 1877-78, a Vestryman of St. Paul's parish from 1857 to 1871, and for twenty-five years past a Warden of that ancient ecclesiastical society.



Albert Allen, son of Allen and Ann Maria Betts, married July 28, 1886, Lila Jane, daughter of Samuel and Julia (Raymond) Malkin, and had :

Clifford Allen, born Sept. 12, 1889;

Albert Raymond, born Dec. 24, 1891.

Alfred William, son of Allen and Ann Maria Betts, married Oct. 30, 1895, Bertha Maria, b. May 21, 1874, daughter of William S. and Clara (Gould) Stout.

#### OF HAYES CONNECTION.

Lewis Gruman,<sup>1st</sup> whose widow was the first wife of Allen Hayes Betts, was the son of Jeremiah Gruman. Lewis Fitch, only son of Lewis Gruman,<sup>1st</sup> married Oct. 21, 1820, Eliza, born July 24, 1802, daughter of John and Anna (Adams) Hurlburt,<sup>1</sup> and had :

Harriet Louise,<sup>2</sup> born Feb. 19, 1822 ; Carmi Betts, born May 22, 1830 ;

Horace Lewis, born July 24, 1823 ; Eliza, born Feb. 24, 1832, died young ;

Susan Ann, born Mar. 25, 1825 ; Eliza Jane, born Apr. 17, 1834 ;

Adeline, born Dec. 19, 1827 ; died Feb. 11, 1896.

Horace Lewis, oldest son of Lewis F. and Eliza Gruman, married Anna, daughter of Joseph Coles of Glen Cove, L. I., and had no issue. His sister, Susan Ann, married Abel Whitlock of Wilton.

Adeline, third daughter of Lewis F. and Eliza Gruman, married Dec. 29, 1850, Hiram,<sup>3</sup> born June 15, 1823, died Aug. 31, 1892, son of William<sup>4th</sup> and Eunice (Barnum) Green, and had :

Annie Maria, born Oct. 27, 1851, died Apr. 6, 1887 ; mar. Dec. 31, 1878,

Frank N. Hastings<sup>4</sup> of Meriden.

Eliza Jane, born Oct. 30, 1856, unmarried ;

Louis Chadwick, b. Oct. 23, 1861.

Carmi Betts, second son of Lewis F. and Eliza Gruman, married Charlotte Crandall of New Baltimore, N. Y. No issue.

Eliza Jane, youngest daughter of Lewis F. and Eliza Gruman, married June 5, 1855, Lewis, born March 10, 1830, son of David S. and Laura (Gregory) Hubbell, and had :

Horace Lewis, b. June 2, 1856 ; Harriet Louise ;

Carmi Gruman, b. Nov. 9, 1859 ; James Edward, b. Aug. 4, 1865.

<sup>1</sup>John Hurlbutt, who married Anna, daughter of Nathaniel Adams, was bap. Aug. 23, 1767, and a son of Gideon and Hannah (Taylor) Hurlbutt of what is now Westport. Mrs. Gideon Hurlbutt was Hannah, born June 1, 1731, daughter of Capt. John Taylor, who was born 1695, and died May 3, 1774. The Rev. James E. Coley of Westport, and Mrs. Mary Taylor Porter, widow of President Noah Porter, of Yale College, both of whom are Taylor descendants, have

made valuable contribution to the old family history.

<sup>2</sup>Married W. T. Downs.

<sup>3</sup>Hiram Green was one of eleven children. His younger brother Robert, who married a Chestnut Hill maiden, Cynthia, daughter of Giles and Cynthia (Scribner) Gregory, is a resident of Norwalk.

<sup>4</sup>The children of Frank N. and Annie M. Hastings are Adeline Louisa, born Oct. 25, 1879, and Ida May, born Apr. 5, 1887, who died young.

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Louis Chadwick,<sup>1</sup> son of Hiram and Adeline Green, married Sept. 2, 1885, Lulu, b. March 5, 1862, daughter of Lucius and Sarah (Waters) Monroe of New Canaan, and had :

Harold Mortimer, b. Oct. 25, 1887.

Horace Lewis, son of Lewis and Eliza Jane Hubbell, married Oct. 25, 1887, Anna, daughter of Abijah W. and Abigail (Bryant) Barnum, and had :

Marguerite Barnum, b. Aug. 29, 1892.

Carmi Gruman, son of Lewis and Eliza Jane Hubbell, married Oct. 24, 1888, Minnie Frances, daughter of Rev. John C. and Mary E. Emery, and had :

Marion Louise, b. Mar. 7, 1890; Charlotte May, b. Nov. 20, 1892, d. Jan. 14, 1893;

Howard Emery, b. Aug. 30, 1896.

### HOME-LOT III.

Gen. I.—MATTHIAS ST. JOHN, SR.

" II.—MARK ST. JOHN.

MARK ST. JOHN, of Home-Lot III, as well as, at one time, of Home-Lots Nos. 5 and 16, was the son of the proprietor of Lot No. 22, Matthias St. John, Sr., and settler.

The son, in this instance, receives mention in advance of his father, in order that numerical irregularity may be avoided. The "plan" of this work is to introduce the fathers before proceeding to consider their transactions, while the "anticipated" insertions alluded to at the bottom of page 82, will not only print-preserve collected data concerning themselves and their children, but serve, it is hoped, to gratifyingly link the present with the past.

Mark St. John was an active man in the plantation. He bought (see page 40) Joseph Fitch completely out, and on March 9, 1660, sold the same original Fitch property (south of 1896 East Norwalk School) to Edward Nash. Mr. St. John became the owner of the Isaac More estate (Lot No. 16) also.

He married, first, Elizabeth, daughter of Timothy Stanley of Hartford, and had :

Elizabeth, (Mrs. Samuel Galpin ;<sup>2</sup>)

Sarah, (Mrs. Samuel Keeler ;)

Joseph, born April 6, 1664 ;

Rhoda, born Aug. 12, 1666, (Mrs. Matthias Marvin <sup>3d</sup>.)

<sup>1</sup>Was elected Feb. 14, 1889, Cashier of the Fairfield County National Bank, of Norwalk.

<sup>2</sup>Samuel Galpin, (born 1650, died 1701) son of Philip of New Haven, removed to Stratford, where he married, first, Mar. 2, 1676-7, Esther, daughter of John Thompson. She died at the birth of her daughter Esther <sup>2d</sup>, Aug. 19, 1678, and her husband, Sam'l. Galpin, married, second, Elizabeth, daughter of Mark

St. John. Esther <sup>2d</sup>, married Jonathan Booth. The children of Samuel and Elizabeth (St. John) Galpin were Samuel <sup>2d</sup>; Elizabeth (Mrs. Isaac Norton); Abigail; Caleb and Mary (Mrs. Elnathan Peat). The first Mrs. Samuel Galpin (Esther Thompson) was a sister of Sarah, the second wife of Thomas Barnum, the Norwalk Barnum settler. The first wife of said Barnum does not seem to have Norwalk record.

Honorable, dau.  
Cheney & Lydia  
b. 8-8-1758

Honorable, dau.  
Mathew (Jr)  
b. 8-24-1742

m. 10-27-1785

Rachel, born June 1671, (Mrs. John Judd ;)

Lois, married Jan. 25, 1705-6, Samuel Carter ;

Anna, born Aug. 18, 1684 ; married John Benedict.

For Sension or St. John, English descent, see Home-Lot No. 22.

It will be observed that Mark St. John had only one son, Joseph<sup>1st</sup>. It is through Joseph<sup>2d</sup> (son of Joseph<sup>1st</sup>) who married into one of the strongest families of New England, that the Norwalk Buckingham Lockwoods, Buckingham St. Johns, Sherrys and Skiddys derive their Hooker blood, and it is through Sarah, sister of Joseph<sup>1st</sup>, who married Samuel Keeler, that the Seymour's and Van Buren's of this town, and the New York Chancellor, John Ray' affinity, derive their St. John blood. All of Mark St. John's children were by his first wife. He married, second, the widow, Dorothy Hall, of Stratford. The widow Hall was a daughter of Rev. Henry Smith of Wethersfield, Conn. She had previously married, as his second wife, Francis Hall, one of a company of "select young men," who came in 1639, from Kent County, England, to Guilford, Conn. Mr. Hall made his way eventually to Fairfield, where he founded "Hall's Farm." Here his first wife, Elizabeth, died, and here he married Dorothy *nee* Smith. Orcutt's History of Stratford mentions that Dorothy Smith married, before the Hall union, John, son of Rev. Adam Blakeman of Stratford. If so, she was three times wedded, as after Mark St. John's death, in 1693, she married Isaac More, once of Norwalk, but now of Farmington, the same from whom Mr. St. John bought his Home-Lot No. 16. She herself deceased in 1706.

He was grandfather of the wife of Rev. Geo. W. Nichols of West Avenue, (1896). Chancellor Ray married Elsie, daughter of the Knickerbocker Jacobus Roosevelt, and had a daughter Elsie, who married Henry Lott. It was for this daughter's inheritance in the extensive Norwalk Keeler estate that the Chancellor interested himself and his friend Gov. Tompkins of New York. His two Lott grand-daughters, Elizabeth (Mrs. G. W. Nichols) and Helen (Mrs. Richard Schell) were accustomed in earlier New York days to have their horses put under saddle, and to join an afternoon party, the members of which would gaily gallop down Broadway to the East River, and thence, after ferriage, resume their ride to the Flatbush. Judge John A. Lott's family seat, from whence, after partaking of supper at tables silver spread, would return, at delightful summer nightfall, to town again. Elsie, Mrs. Lott, was wont to tell her children of the dwelling of a descendant of one of Norwalk's distinguished mothers, which stood in Queen, now Pearl, and not far from Pine Street. It was one of a trio of structures which, because of their marking a city architecture-period, Mrs. Lott would describe as before said. The buildings were of brick, expensively finished in hard wood, and one of them in black walnut, having its parlors on the second floor, reached by a stairway and balustrade that would grace any abode

to-day, and its breakfast-room leading from the first-story hall, that opened on Pearl Street. The three residences were the abodes of comfort-elegance, and the head of the one that has been more particularly mentioned, was Capt. Isaac Bell<sup>2d</sup>, a patron of Dr. Reuben Sherwood's Norwalk School, and himself of ancient Norwalk blood. Isaac Bell<sup>1st</sup>, born Sept. 20, 1736, son of James and Sarah Bell, and great-grandson of Lieut. Francis Bell, the Stamford settler, married, first, Jemima Holly, and had two children, Katharine<sup>1st</sup>, who died young, and Hannah. Hannah was a trifle over two years old when she lost her mother. Between one-and-a-half and two years after that event, her father, on Sept. 14, 1761, married, second, Susannah Smith, grand-daughter of John and Elizabeth Bartlett, and great-grand-daughter of (see Haynes lineage) Mr. William Haynes of "Haynes' Ridge," Norwalk (now New Canaan).

Mrs. Susanna Bell's grd. father (John Bartlett, the father by his second wife of Mrs. John Belden, who was mother of John, Isaac and Amos,) was a large land owner, and had three distinct Norwalk land parcels bearing his name. Her gr.-grandfather, William Haynes, was a colonial "Mr." but one of the titled New England gentlemen whose early pedigree is mystery-shrouded. He came to Norwalk from the vicinity, evidently, of Albany, but thence from whence,



The St. John-Hall ante-nuptial covenant is recorded in the Probate Register of Fairfield County. The following is the text :

"THIS INDENTURE, made between Mark Sensen and Dorothy Hall of Stratford, widow, *Witnesseth*, That whereas there is a purpose of marriage between Mark Sensen and Dorothy, they have consented and agreed, in case of marriage, as followeth : Imprimis. That Mark Sensen will lay no claim to the estate that Dorothy Hall now possesseth, whether in lands or movables, but that it shall be in the power of Dorothy Hall, after marriage, to improve it, as she shall see cause, without any let from Mark Sensen ; but in case Dorothy Hall shall see cause to carry with her any part of the movable effects, Mark Sensen binds himself and his heirs to return the same at the full value thereof, to her or to her executors, when either of them shall dye.

"Dorothy Hall doth covenant with Mark Sensen that she will not, at his death, lay any claim to any part of his estate that he now possesseth, as a dowry, but will, when a widow, return to her own that she hath now in possession in Stratford.

"IN WITNESS WHEREOF, both parties have affixed their hands and seals. Dated this twenty-fifth of January, sixteen hundred ninety-one or two.

*Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of*

JOSEPH CURTIS,  
EBENEZER BOOTHE.

MARK SENSION,  
DOROTHY HALL."

#### A MARK ST. JOHN DESCENT MENTION.

The young Matthew Marvin,<sup>3d</sup> (Matthew, Jr., Matthew Sr.) brought up in the to-day

no one as yet seems able to positively determine. The forefather of the bankers Fitch of Milwaukee, Wis., who are also of Haynes descent, claims, in a record now about a half-century old, that William Haynes of Norwalk and John Haynes of Copford Hall (afterward Gov. John Haynes of Hartford) were connected if not related, but Grant Fitch, of Newton, N. J., seventh son of Haynes, nephew of Gov. Thos. Fitch of Norwalk, presents no authority for the assertion.

The father of Mrs. Isaac Bell<sup>1st</sup> was one of the sons of Ebenezer and Abigail (Bouton) Smith, and of the line of Lieut. Samuel Smith, the 1634 settler of Windsor. He was some few years the senior of his wife, she having been born after 1705-6. They had a family of well known Conn. and N. Y. descendants, and their daughter, after her marriage to Isaac Bell,<sup>1st</sup> removed to the provinces. Mr. Bell's son Isaac (Capt. Isaac) born Feb. 16, 1768, married Mary Ellis, daughter of old-time merchant Ellis of New York, and these were the occupants of the Pearl Street premises before mentioned. Mrs. Isaac Bell<sup>2d</sup> spent considerable time in Europe. She occasionally came to Norwalk to visit her son. Isaac<sup>3d</sup> and his sister Mary E. were pupils at Rev. Dr. Reuben Sherwood's academy in this town. The sister was somewhat delicate, but her brother's physical strength and glowing health are

to this day here remembered. The young Isaac Bell<sup>3d</sup> of Dr. Sherwood's day, was the more immediate ancestor of the present N. Y. City Bells.

Hannah Bell, born Dec. 10, 1758, daughter of Isaac Bell and Jemima Holly, married Fitch, son of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Fitch) Rogers (see Haynes lineage) of Norwalk. These had a son, Fitch Rogers, Jr., who married Mary, daughter of Rev. Daniel Smith, long the Congregational pastor of Stamford. There were no children by this union. Fitch Rogers, Jr., had a sister Catherine, who married Rev. Reuben Sherwood, D.D., rector of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, from 1818 to 1830. Mrs. Sherwood was a woman of presence and character, and highly graced her position. Her daughter, Miss Catherine Sherwood, now resides at Hyde Park on-the-Hudson. Henry, second son of Fitch and Hannah (Bell) Rogers, died unmarried. Her sister Harriet married John Winthrop, one of the two sons of whom, Henry R., has recently died in New York City. Henry Rogers Winthrop was a Norwalk school lad, and is represented to-day by his son Buchanan Winthrop, of N. Y. City. Chas. and William were unmarried sons of Fitch Rogers, Sr. Their sister, Emily Sophia, married her cousin, Henry Rogers, Jr.

Catherine Bell,<sup>2d</sup> born Feb. 11, 1770, step-sister of Hannah, and fourth child of Isaac<sup>1st</sup> and Susanna





vacant Prowitt meadow, somewhat southwest of the Prowitt East Norwalk residence, was not compelled to make a long journey to pay a "suitor's," regards. He had simply to turn the corner and proceed a few steps south, (as far as Van Zandt and East Avenue corners of 1896) when was reached her domicile whose hand he sought, Rhoda, daughter of Mark St. John, the home-lot of whom is under description.

Matthew<sup>3d</sup> and Rhoda Marvin had a daughter Mary, born Oct. 7, 1689. The father died in 1691. Sarah, sister of Matthew Marvin,<sup>3d</sup> married, in 1680, Thomas Betts, Jr., (son of settler Thomas Betts) whose daughter, Sarah, married Samuel Keeler, while her sisters Mary and Elizabeth married, respectively, John Bartlett (second wife) and Thomas Seymour.

From Samuel and Sarah Keeler, through their son Matthew and grand-daughter Rebecca, proceed the present Benedict, Phillips and Seymour descent, of West Avenue; and from John and Mary Bartlett, through their daughter Rebecca (Mrs. John Belden), the Talmadge and Dudley Field families of Lake Gleneida,<sup>1</sup> and the Norwalk North Ave., Mill Hill and East Avenue Treadwell and Lockwood descendants; and from Thomas and Elizabeth Seymour through Ezra Seymour of White Oak Shade, the venerable and honored Seymour Comstock of New Canaan, and his sons Albert S. of New York and Stephen of Norwalk.

Bell, married Nehemiah,<sup>2d</sup> son of Nehemiah<sup>1st</sup>. and Elizabeth Fitch Rogers. This Norwalk-born youth married a lady younger than himself, and arriving in N. Y. at the age of 38, from St. John's, New Brunswick, established his home near the Battery. He had several children; among them the venerable Archibald Gracie Rogers, until recently a well-known figure in metropolitan circles, whose brother Henry married Matilda Livingston of the upper Hudson, and whose sister Caroline married, as his second wife, Rev. John Crathorne Montgomery of Philadelphia.

The Mark and Elizabeth St. John lineage, to be treated of in its proper place, comprises a social, scientific, soldier and saintly solidarity. Among the oldest of the constituency was the late Juliette Betts of cherished memory, of France Street, and among its youngest living representatives is the little daughter of the late lamented James H. Bailey, which young child, Florence, was born on the spot dear to and dignified by one, Mary Esther Belden, (Mrs. William St. John) who was a grand daughter of Mary Betts Bartlett, herself the grand-daughter of Rhoda, daughter of Mark St. John.

<sup>1</sup>This is a sheet of Dutchess water of great beauty. When Amos Belden (son of John and Rebecca) of Norwalk, went to Carmel, himself and wife Elizabeth (Isaacs) took up their abode in the lake's vicinity. At that time the same bore the less euphonious designation of "Shaw's Pond," but the Rev. Henry G. Livingston (see Pelletreau) proposed its present name,

and the Carmel people, in 1852, in public assembly, adopted it. Thomas Belden of Norwalk went to Carmel before the Revolution. Amos had not reached his teens when war between England and the colonies was declared, and had only two days before reached the age of fifteen when Garth made his Sunday morning march, in 1779, past his father's (West Avenue, 1896) house. Himself and Thomas had charge of the large N. Y. Phillips estate, and Amos here brought up his family. His children were: Julia, Charles, George, Sally, Charlotte, Elizabeth, Thomas, John, Frederick and Benjamin. His oldest son, George, married Sophia L. Miles, and these had two daughters, Julia and Laura. Julia married Frederick S. Talmadge and Laura married Dudley Field. Amos and Elizabeth Belden sleep within not many feet of the mound which canopies the dust of Enoch Crosby the spy. The Field interments are made in the David Dudley Field plot in Mass. Amos Belden's grandson, George Mortimer Belden, (son of Charles) was the first President of the Putnam County National Bank, of Carmel. George M. Belden's great-uncle, Henry Belden, was the first President of the Fairfield County National Bank, Norwalk.

William St. John, Sr., married Mary Esther, sister of Amos Belden. These had a son, Hooker, born Jan. 3, 1792, who married his cousin Julia, the oldest daughter of Amos Belden. Hooker and Julia St. John had one child, Frederick Augustus, who had nearly reached twenty-one, when he died unmarried.



## ROBERT BEACHAM'S HOME-LOT.

Unnumbered, but directly opposite to Mark St. John's home-lot, the "Beacham lane and house" are diagram-depicted on page 39, and in the Norwalk founders catalogue there is not the name of one, perhaps, whose ancestry-story, in its truth-essentials, is with greater difficulty ascertained.

Robert Beacham is a strong patronymic, and the hint has been broached of possible Beauchamp-earldom association if not affinity.<sup>1</sup> That he was adventure-spirited seems probable. His Norwalk "coast-banke" fronting home-site awakens the suspicion of a pre-record transient appropriation of the area which, to a large extent, now forms the East Norwalk Cemetery enclosure. This, at first, may for a brief time, have been kept as a common. Quite a period must have elapsed 'ere interments were there made. The Norwalk "Companie" was composed, principally, of young timber, and the death-rate for the early years must have been inconsiderable. It is a curious fact, also, that one or more of the earliest settlers should have had, as far as appears by register, no *assigned* home-lots until some five years, at least, after the town's settlement. Who shall say that Thomas Fitch<sup>st</sup>, whose only known home-site was the 1655 purchased "Edward Church lot" had not shared, with Robert Beacham, the afterward burial plain that bounded Joseph Fitch, his brother, on the west. At all events, there could hardly have been more than two or three interments there before Beacham quit Norwalk in 1657-8. The office held by this fore-parent during his last twelve months residence in the new plantation was a practical exemplification of one of the cardinal articles of the founders' creed, viz.: I BELIEVE IN BEING USEFUL. He lived near the gate (see page 39) that led to The Neck, where cattle were pastured, and he was appointed "gate-keeper." His neighbor to the north, Matthew Marvin, an "assistant magistrate," was a wheelwright, and Nathaniel Richards, a still further north neighbor, who moved to Norwalk after a residence upon a spot (now the Harvard University site) where he had been in touch with the great ones of the New World, was a miller. Beacham in the particular of "estates accommodations" was almost a "heavy weight," but the new place could not or did not detain him. He held lands at different points in the town, and was honored by three, at least, namesake localities, one traditional "lane" and "bridge," and one documentary "Beacham's Bridge."<sup>2</sup> The year 1657-8 put an end to his gate-wardening, and saw exchanged for the modest Norwalk Cove-bank fireside, the magnificent Sound-view acreage a little west of the 1896 "Phipp's Beach Hotel" property in Fairfield.

After the decease of his first wife, by whom he had, certainly, one child, (Mrs. Joseph Lockwood, a sister-in-law of Ephraim, the Norwalk Lockwood father), he married Elizabeth, the widow of the ancestor of the Jessup's of America.

<sup>1</sup>Schenck's History of Fairfield, page 385.

<sup>2</sup>Beacham lived a little west of the stream which ran into what is now familiarly called "Benedict's Pond," in East Norwalk. Across this stream the

settlers threw a small bridge, which was possibly known as "Beacham's Bridge." There was another "Beacham's Bridge" on the west side of the river, not remote from the present So. Norwalk Baptist Church.

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2. The second part outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data. It mentions the use of surveys, interviews, and focus groups to gather information from stakeholders. Additionally, it discusses the application of statistical analysis to interpret the collected data.

3. The third part describes the process of identifying trends and patterns in the data. It highlights the need for a systematic approach to data analysis, involving the identification of key variables and the use of appropriate statistical techniques.

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One of the last acts of Robert Beacham's life was to unite with his second wife in the acknowledgment of the sale of the now notable East River bordering domain known as HUNT'S POINT, to Thomas Hunt, from whose family the celebrated section derived its name. As this lady—Mrs. Robert Beacham<sup>2d</sup>—is, through her husband, Norwalk-linked, the succeeding mentions are by no means foreign to the scope of this work.

Mrs. Robert Beacham<sup>2d</sup>, had by her first husband (Edward Jessup) a son, Edward<sup>2d</sup>, who married a grand-daughter (Elizabeth, dau. of John Hyde) of Humphrey Hyde of Fairfield. These had a son, Edward<sup>3d</sup>, who married, Dec. 7, 1724, Sarah, dau. of Richard Blackleach of Stratford. Their son, Blackleach Jessup, born Dec. 14, 1735, appears as a Norwalk land purchaser as early, at least, as 1763. He resided in Wilton, and was thrice married. His first wife was a Ridgefield Stebbins, his second a Norwalk Kellogg, and his last wife was a sister of Mrs. John Hanford, (Green place 1896, on the Winnipauk road)



ANTE-REVOLUTIONARY HOME OF JOHN HANFORD.

and an aunt of Mrs. Ebenezer D. Hoyt of the present Main Street. Blackleach Jessup was

A faithful picture of the home of John Hanford, a great grandson of Norwalk's eminent scholar and first pastor, Rev. Thomas Hanford. This house, remembered to-day, stood on the site of the present L. C. Green home on the Winnipauk road. It was built before the Revolutionary war, and conveys an idea of the comfort-size of some of the structures of that period. On a day (Oct. 28) close on to the Indian summer of 1762, John Hanford, its owner, had, at the

age of twenty-three, married a Wilton maiden, Mehitable, daughter of Nathan Comstock, who lived on a by-road leading from the present highway that connects lower Bald Hill, Wilton, with Smith's Ridge. New Canaan, in which retired Comstock home were cradled the ancestors of those who have been prominent in their generation. The very year that John and Mehitable Hanford were married, the groom's cousin, Samuel St. John, sold his relative a slice of his



man of note.<sup>1</sup> His sister, seven years his senior, married, on one of the completing days of the winter of 1750, Thomas Couch<sup>2d</sup>, the oldest child of whom was born Feb. 12, 1751. This child, Thos., Jr., lived to marry, when a few weeks past twenty-one, a dau. of Jonathan Nash of Fairfield, which young Couch-Nash couple breasted wedded life at a troublous period in lower Fairfield County history. The British held Long Island, and were disturbers of said County's peace. It was in the midst of this tribulation, and not three months before these shores were enemy-invaded and made the "fall-in" point from which the destructive Danbury raiders proceeded inland, that Sarah, wife of Thomas Couch, gave birth to one (Jonathan) whose child Norwalk to-day claims for a foster son, MAJOR-GEN. DARIUS NASH COUCH, U. S. A., a foremost citizen and one of the foremost soldiers of the civil struggle of over thirty years ago. He entered upon military life at the age of twenty, and has been no stranger to active service.

His valor during the war between the North and the South reached its climax on one of the longest days of the year 1862. The silence of the shade-enwapt Virginia hills was broken by the arrival, on a night of ending June, '62, of McClellan's army at a point on the James River, distant some twelve miles from Richmond, and when the next morning broke Gen. Rob't. E. Lee promptly ordered a Southern host to repel the Northern numbers.

own Sticky Plain property. The St. John estate was then of large acreage and sunnily situated. John Hanford, born Feb. 13, 1739, was the son of Elnathan and Sarah St. John Hanford. His parents owned where now stands the Selleck School property on East Ave. Elnathan, father of John, was a son of Thomas<sup>2d</sup>. Thomas Hanford<sup>2d</sup> was a son of Rev. Thomas Hanford<sup>1st</sup> and Mary (Ince) Hanford, the settlers. Mrs. Thomas Hanford<sup>2d</sup> was the daughter of Gershom Lockwood of Greenwich, who was a brother of Ephraim Lockwood, the first of all the Norwalk Lockwood's. Before her marriage to Thomas Hanford<sup>2d</sup>, she had wedded the noted John Burwell, whose daughter Hannah married John Betts of Norwalk.

The children of John and Mehitable Hanford—all, perhaps, born in the fine old plate-presented home—were Eunice, who married, Oct. 18, 1790, Joseph Jessup; Elnathan, born in the year 1766; Uriah, who married Rhoda, daughter of David Boulton and aunt of the head of the present railway and finance Boulton family of Sandusky, Ohio (see Boulton lineage); Sarah, who married Wm. Fitch and removed to Ohio; Nathaniel, who died at four years of age; Huldah, who married Ebenezer D. Hoyt, and founded a well-known branch of the Norwalk Hoyt family; John, who saw only five summers; Isaac, who lived to be six years old; Mary, who married Nathaniel Raymond of Troy, N. Y.; Charles, who married Ruth Seymour of Norwalk; William, a Yale graduate of 1808, and an Andover Divinity graduate of 1813; and Julia, who lived to be only a little more than one year old.

The many descendants to-day of the last century

owner (John Hanford) of the old Hanford house may look back upon the family lot with pleasure. Eunice, the oldest child, was a Miss of sixteen, Elnathan had borne a few years a family name, Uriah was a lad of eleven, Sarah was a maiden of nine, Samuel had died exactly one year before, Huldah was three years old, and John a little over one, when, having taken care of his family on the night of July 10, 1779, John Hanford, Sr. rose early on Sunday, the day of the town's burning, and made preparations to save, if possible, his building. Fortunately for himself and home, Tryon and Garth's men went no further west than the eastern line of Sticky Plain, and John Hanford and his trusty dog—all that were left that mournful morning at the house—had nothing to do but to accompany the grateful family back to their saved abode.

The Green residence has, to-day, supplanted the storied Hanford structure.

<sup>1</sup>His son, Blackleach Jr., born Aug. 4, 1764, married Feb. 25, 1789, Abigail Raymond of Wilton. These had a son, William, born July 20, 1793, who married, Mar. 11, 1816, Nancy, daughter of Nathan and Mary Odell. William and Nancy Jessup had a daughter, Elizabeth Cornelia, who married Jan. 16, 1840, James Reed, born Feb. 21, 1812, a former editor of the *Norwalk Gazette*.

Lydia Jessup, an older sister of William Jessup of the preceding paragraph, married Sept. 6, 1810, John Dunning of Wilton. Their daughter, Mary Ann, born Oct. 7, 1811, married Apr. 28, 1830, Russell, son of Nehemiah Mead of Ridgefield, and father of Frederick Mead, 1896, of Norwalk.





This was a part of the historic "seven days," six of which fiery "epoch days" had passed and the seventh and closing day dawned, when a principal command was again assigned to the brave Couch. "Minnie balls flew like mosquitoes," is the language of one, a Doctor in Divinity, and the head of a Theological Seminary,<sup>1</sup> but now an officer in the army, who has written to Norwalk in relation to the heroism of his superior, Norwalk's loyal and royal military townsman under remark. When that day's battle raged the hottest, it was apparent that Gen. Couch was in a most exposed position, and that sharp-shooters had discovered the fact. In a moment his chaplain rode up to the commander and apprised him of his imminent danger. The soldier of whom principle, purpose and patriotism were not characteristics simply, but *his character*, quietly replied: "I can best see the field from this spot and must keep it." "Such," testifies the chaplain, "was his general deportment in every danger. We all loved and honored him, not only for his deportment on the field of battle, but for his moral walk also and exemplary life."<sup>2</sup>

OF BEACHAM-JESSUP, HANFORD, MORGAN, BISSELL-CONNECTION.

Blackleach Jessup of Norwalk had a younger brother, Ebenezer, M.D., who married

Sarah, sister of Gen. Couch's grandfather, Thos. Couch, married (see foot note page 74) Hezekiah Banks. Hezekiah and Sarah Banks had a daughter Patty, who was born the year succeeding the burning of Norwalk, and who married, at eighteen, John Staples. John and Patty Staples were the parents of Horace Staples (see page 74) of Westport.

<sup>1</sup>Rev. Robert W. Oliver, D.D.

<sup>2</sup>Major-General Couch was born of Redding parents, in Southeast New York, July 25, 1822. The following extracts are from Todd's History of Redding, Connecticut. "Darius N. Couch, born in New York, appointed from New York, cadet at United States Military Academy from July 1, 1842 to July 1, 1846, when he was graduated and promoted in the army to brevet second lieu. 4th Artillery. Served in the war with Mexico in 1846, '47, '48, being engaged in the battle of Buena Vista, Mexico, as second lieu. in Captain Washington's Battery, Light Artillery, for which he was brevetted first lieu. for gallant and meritorious conduct. Participating in the occupation of the Seminole country in 1852-3, he planned and executed, at his own expense, a scientific expedition into Central and Northern Mexico, the results of which were very creditable to his enterprise. He married, in 1854, a daughter of Hon. S. L. Crocker, of Taunton, Mass., and great-grand-daughter of Isaiah Thomas, founder of the Antiquarian Society of Worcester, Mass., and author of the 'History of Printing.' The next year he resigned from the army. At the breaking out of the rebellion, being settled in Taunton, Mass., he raised the 7th Regt. Mass. Vols., and proceeded to Washington in July, 1861. Was made brigadier-Gen. in August, and assigned to the command of a brigade in the defense of that city. In

McClellan's campaign on the Peninsula, Gen. Couch commanded the 1st Div. 4th Army Corps, holding the left of the line at the siege of Yorktown. At the battle of Fair Oaks his brave division held their ground for more than two hours against the combined attack of the Confederate troops. With part of his division he reinforced Hooker in the hot action of Oak Grove, June 25, 1862, and was in various skirmishes during the seven days until July 1, on which morning Gen. McClellan posted him on the main road leading to Richmond, where was fought the successful battle of Malvern Hill.

Being promoted to the rank of Maj.-Gen. July 4, 1862, he joined Pope with his division on the retreat to Manassas, in the Northern Virginia campaign. October, 1862, in command of the 2nd. Army Corps, campaign of the Rappahannock. At Fredericksburgh, Dec. 12, 13, 14, 15, it fell upon Gen. Couch to assault Mary's Heights, in which desperate work that brave, magnificent 2nd. Army Corps had nearly 4,000 men killed and wounded. The loss of his corps at the disastrous battle of Chancellorsville, where he was second in command, was very heavy. In November, 1864, he joined Thomas, who was besieged at Nashville, and was assigned by that commander to the command of an Army Corps. In the battle which followed, he commanded a Division, turned Hood's left, and captured several pieces of artillery and many prisoners. In North Carolina, March, April and May, aiding Sherman in closing the war. Resigned in June, 1865, the Great Rebellion having been crushed out. The Gen. has, for several years, resided in Norwalk, Conn., having been Quartermaster-Gen. at Hartford during the years 1877-78, and Adj.-Gen. during Gov. Waller's administration, 1883-85."





Eleanor Andrews of Fairfield. These had a son, Ebenezer, born Jan. 1, 1768, who, at the age of twenty-one, married Sarah, daughter of Obadiah and Sarah Wright of Westport. The Wright's came from Eaton Manor, L. I., and made purchase of a handsome property on the west side of the Saugatuck. Ebenezer and Sarah Jessup had a son, Francis Wright Jessup, born Jan. 14, 1800, who married May 19, 1834, Mary Ann, daughter of Capt. Richard and Mary Bontecou Hanford of Lansingburgh, N. Y. Capt. Richard Hanford,<sup>1</sup> (father of Levi C. Hanford of Norwalk) was a lineal descendant, through his grandfather, of "Mr. William Haynes" of Haynes' Ridge. Angeline Jessup, born Nov. 11, 1802, a sister of Francis Wright and Mary Ann Jessup, married, June 19, 1827, Edward M. Morgan, cashier, formerly, of the Fairfield County National Bank, Norwalk, and a brother of Henry T. Morgan, son-in-law of Col. Buckingham Lockwood of Norwalk, and a N. Y. City banker.

Charles Jessup, a senior brother of Francis Wright Jessup, married Sept. 9, 1821, Abigail, daughter of Hon. Samuel Burr and Charity Sherwood of Westport, and a sister of Sally Sherwood, who married Hon. Clark Bissell, LL.D. of Norwalk, and at one time Governor of the State of Connecticut. Clark Bissell, born Sept. 7, 1782, and only about twenty-five years of age when he came to Fairfield County, yet contributed to this County's valuable legal stock by his sound thought, and by his apprehension, advocacy and application of the principles of sound, solid jurisprudence. He was a man of inviolate integrity, and his home, as its to this day finely preserved appearance indicates, was one of the choice hearthstones of New England; a hearthstone at which the distinguished father and his children were blest by the reaching, rearing and remaining influence of a wife and mother who had no ambition to shine in the world of glitter, but who, in the world of goodness, was a bright, particular star.<sup>2</sup>

The brief story of Robert Beacham, as one of the enterprising founders of Norwalk, is not altogether interest-destitute, and it is somewhat of an annals lesson-loss to drop the pioneer's memory-testimony to his few year's service and sympathy in their perils and pains by discarding the appellation of "Beacham's Lane" and "Beacham's Bridge."

Gen. D. N. Couch, married Aug. 31, 1854, Mary Caroline Crocker, of Taunton, Mass., and had:

ALICE L. b. July 6, 1855, died July 5, 1884.

LEONARD CROCKER, b. Sept. 26, 1856.

Alice L., daughter of Darius N. and Mary C. Couch, married, June 8, 1881, H. LeRoy Randall, of New Milford, Conn., and had:

ALICE N., b. May 5, 1882.

CHARLES COUCH, b. June 21, 1884, died July 29, 1885.

Leonard Crocker, son of Darius N. and Mary C. Couch, married, Apr. 25, 1882, Cecilia M. Francis, of Taunton, Mass., and had:

CECIL THOMAS, b. May 20, 1883;

CAROLINE AVIS, b. Apr. 11, 1885;

DARIUS NASII, b. July 26, 1890, died July 8, 1893.

Mrs. Leonard C. Couch, died May 20, 1894.

<sup>1</sup>The grandmother of Capt. Richard Hanford was Sarah, daughter of Joseph Ketchum, the founder of the Norwalk and Westport Ketchum families, which triple Haynes, Hanford and Ketchum alliance was a strong union.

<sup>2</sup>Judge Bissell was born in Lebanon, Conn., but came from Westport to Norwalk. He first resided upon the (1896) Cowles place on The Green. In 1816, he bought of Amos Belden, heir of Thomas Belden, the latter's homestead, which has since been known as Bissell's Corner and occupied by the family. The law office, a part of the old Belden house, and now converted into a Cranberry Plains dwelling, stood in the west yard. Here its owner, who was an assiduous student, was engaged by day, while about the last light to be extinguished on The Green at night was that of the library lamp in his near-by-dwelling.



## HOME-LOT IV.

RICHARD HOLMES, of Home-Lot No. 4, son of Francis, 1648, of Stamford, than whom there was hardly a more important man in the settlement, was seemingly the iron and brass-monger of the new colony, and lived next neighbor north of Mark St. John. His grounds and the site of the ancient "Smithery" are now partly covered by the East Norwalk Methodist Episcopal Church. His industry—that of nail, gun, lock and possibly blacksmith—was held in estimation by the proprietors. On May 30, 1655, town meeting action was taken whereby two of Norwalk's principal men were deputed "for the fetching of the tools pertaining to the Smith from Stratford." Mr. Holmes was a thrifty man, and his history is of interest. It is inferred that he was not actually the first "smith," but he must have succeeded, by only a short time, that primus artisan. Himself and wife Sarah, had at least two children, but no mention of these is made in his will. This deed was drawn Oct. 31, 1704, in which he names his wife and his "near kinswoman," Mehitable

Judge Bissell died Sept. 15, 1857. He completed his early professional preparation under the direction of Hon. Roger Minot Sherman, LL.D., the "Cicero" of Fairfield County and of whose attainments the Connecticut bench justly boasted. Mr. Sherman, who established himself at about five-and-twenty years of age in Norwalk, was one of the most brilliant young men in New England. He was born in Woburn, Mass., May 22, 1773, his father being Rev. Josiah Sherman, his mother a daughter of Hon. James Minot of Massachusetts, and his uncle (Hon. Roger Sherman) a Connecticut signer of the Declaration of Independence. He married, Dec. 19, 1796, Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. William Gould of Branford and New Haven, and the home, in this town, of the newly-wedded two held, probably, the youngest bride that Norwalk has ever known. Twins, named William Gould and James Minot, were here born, one or both of whom here died. The parents removed, in 1807, to Fairfield, where the father, having achieved legal eminence, died in 1844, and the mother four years later.

Martha, sister of Judge Roger M. Sherman, married Rev. Justus Mitchell, pastor of the New Canaan Congregational Church, and whose name is to this day there held in veneration. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, the latter of whom was distinguished for exceptional personal excellence, resided on Haynes Ridge (now Ownoke avenue) and in the house still standing, but recently improved by Mr. W. E. Bond, on that almost peerless New Canaan street. The children of Rev. Justus and Martha Sherman Mitchell were ELIZABETH born in 1780, who married Charles Thompson of New York, whose son, Charles Chauncey Thompson, was the father of Mrs. Charles D. Matthews of Norwalk; SHERMAN, who married Hannah Fitch of New Canaan, the daughter of whom

wedded the well-known Joseph Silliman of that town; MINOT, the White Plains jurist of wide reputation, and CHAUNCEY ROOT, born 1786, of signal gifts, who, marrying a daughter of Hon. Robert Johnson, had Martha, born 1810, who in 1833 married Isaac Depew, the father of Hon. Chauncey Mitchell Depew, LL.D. and President of the Hudson River and New York Central Railroad.

Taylor Sherman, who came to and who practiced law in Norwalk contemporaneously with Roger Minot Sherman, and whose remains are interred in the "Town House Hill" cemetery, was the youngest child of Judge Daniel and Mindwell Sherman of Woodbury, Conn. The Mitchell-Shermans, before referred to, sprang from Capt. John Sherman of Essex Co. England, 1634, and Taylor Sherman from Capt. John Sherman's cousin, Hon. Samuel Sherman. The children of Taylor and Elizabeth Sherman were CHARLES ROBERT, born Sept. 26, 1788; DANIEL, born March 28, 1790; BETSY, born Dec. 7, 1791.

Charles Robert Sherman married May 8, 1810, Mary, born Dec. 28, 1787, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Raymond) Hoyt of "Old Well." These had Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Reese of Ohio; James Sherman; Mrs. Amelia McComb of Ohio; Mrs. Julia Whitlock of Ohio; William Tecumseh Sherman, born February 8th, 1820, General U. S. A.; Lampson R. Sherman of Iowa; Hon. John Sherman, U. S. Senate; Mrs. Susan Bartley, Ohio; Hoyt Sherman of Iowa, and Mrs. Frances Beecher Moulton of Ohio.

Mrs. President Porter of New Haven, claims Judge Taylor Sherman as a descendant, through his mother (Mindwell Taylor) of the Norwalk Taylor father.

A daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Webb. Probably no children survived their father.





Warner, (subsequently Mrs. Jos. Olmsted, Sr.<sup>1</sup>) to whom he made a certain bequeathment, and after his wife's decease, gave all his movable estate. He also remembers Jonathan Slau-son, "whom I brought up from a child," and Samuel Hayes, and Thomas and Richard Bouton, whose father's house-lot cornered upon his own, and the nine daughters of his two brothers, Stephen Holmes of Stamford and John Holmes of Bedford. In connection with this Holmes-Warner mention, the following as yet unexplained transaction, in which one of the partners was John Pell, nephew and heir of Thomas Pell, "Gentleman of the bed-chamber to King Charles I, and first lord and Proprietor of the Manor of Pelham," is recorded in Norwalk Town Records, Vol. I, and reads thus :

*"A true copy of a deed of sale between John Pell unto Ralph Warner, recorded this 10th of May, 1675."*

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that I, John Pell, proprietor of the Manor of Ann Hook's Neck,<sup>2</sup> have sold unto **Ralph Warner, Blacksmith**, all those my horses, mares, colts and horse kinds that are now being or belonging to Norwalk bounds, in the County of Fairfield and the colony of Connecticut; he, the said Warner, paying all charges that have been out recordings and markings the said horses, and does hereby acknowledge the satisfaction received, and does hereby acquitt, discharge and quit-claim all my right and the interest I might or ought to have unto the said horses of Norwalk aforesaid."

"IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, this fifth day of March, 1675."

*"Signed and delivered in presence of*

JOHN PELL."

"SWESSELL SWESSELL.

CHARLES RAVEN."

John Pell, whose livery was located in ancient Norwalk, was a grandson of "John Pell, Esq., Master of the King's cup and Lord Mayor of Lyme Regis," whose memoria sacrum is erected at the end of the south aisle of St. Nicholas Church, Derringham, England. The New England John Pell's mother—Mary Holland—was of royal descent. He was an acquaintance of Ludlow, but how and why Norwalk was selected as the seat of his stock establishment is a matter upon which light may yet be thrown. Mrs. Richard Holmes survived her husband about two years. Her estate fell to the children of Robert Warner of Middletown, "who are next of kin."

Richard Holmes, originally from Yorkshire, England, bought his Norwalk lot on Oct. 12, 1657, from a real estate agent of that day, Alexander Bryan of Milford. He was the home-lot successor of one Thomas Smith,<sup>3</sup> and his calling one of the most highly

<sup>1</sup>The son of Joseph Olmsted, Sr., was Joseph Jr., of Farmington. In old times the husband controlled the wife's property. The estate that Richard Holmes left Mehitable Warner fell finally to Joseph Olmsted,

Jr. See Norwalk Land Records, Vol. VII, folio 256.

<sup>2</sup>Near New Rochelle, N. Y.

<sup>3</sup>Perhaps the first blacksmith of Norwalk. He probably belonged to the Long Island Smith family.



respected colonial occupations. Besides this, he was probably the head of the iron-ware establishment of the period. The Holmes' of America may be proud of their Norwalk kinsman. He was a brother of the founders of the Stamford and Bedford' Holmes families, and Col. James Holmes of the Revolution was his grand-nephew.<sup>2</sup> He left no male issue.

### HOME-LOT V.

EDWARD NASH, who succeeded Joseph Fitch and Mark St. John as proprietor of Lot No. 5, was the fore-parent of the large Norwalk Nash family. He was a son, it is claimed, of Edward Nash<sup>1st</sup>, who was born in Lancashire, England, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, in 1592, and reported to have had two sons, Edward<sup>2d</sup>, and John. Edward Nash<sup>2d</sup>, came early to Norwalk, and immediately followed Mark St. John as owner of one of the eligible house-sites (directly south of the East Norwalk school of 1896) in the new plantation, and as Jos. Fitch was unmarried while he remained in Norwalk, and Mark St. John was possessed of two additional lots, it seems probable that Mr. Nash was the earliest heartstone occupant of the spot. There appears to be no mention of the first Mrs. Nash. By her was a son John, born 1652, who, so runs the family tradition, was the first English child born in Norwalk. Another child of Edward Nash, by his first wife, was Hannah, who married, Dec. 3, 1678, Deliverance, son of Henry Wakeley of Stratford, and an early Hartford lawyer.<sup>3</sup> Here is a possible hint as to the locality-antecedents of the original Mrs. Nash. The second Mrs. Edward Nash was the wife, first, of Thomas Rumble of (as the record shows) the ancient town of Stratford, and second, of Thomas Barlow of Fairfield.<sup>4</sup> Mrs. Nash had no children, it is probable, by her last marriage. She was

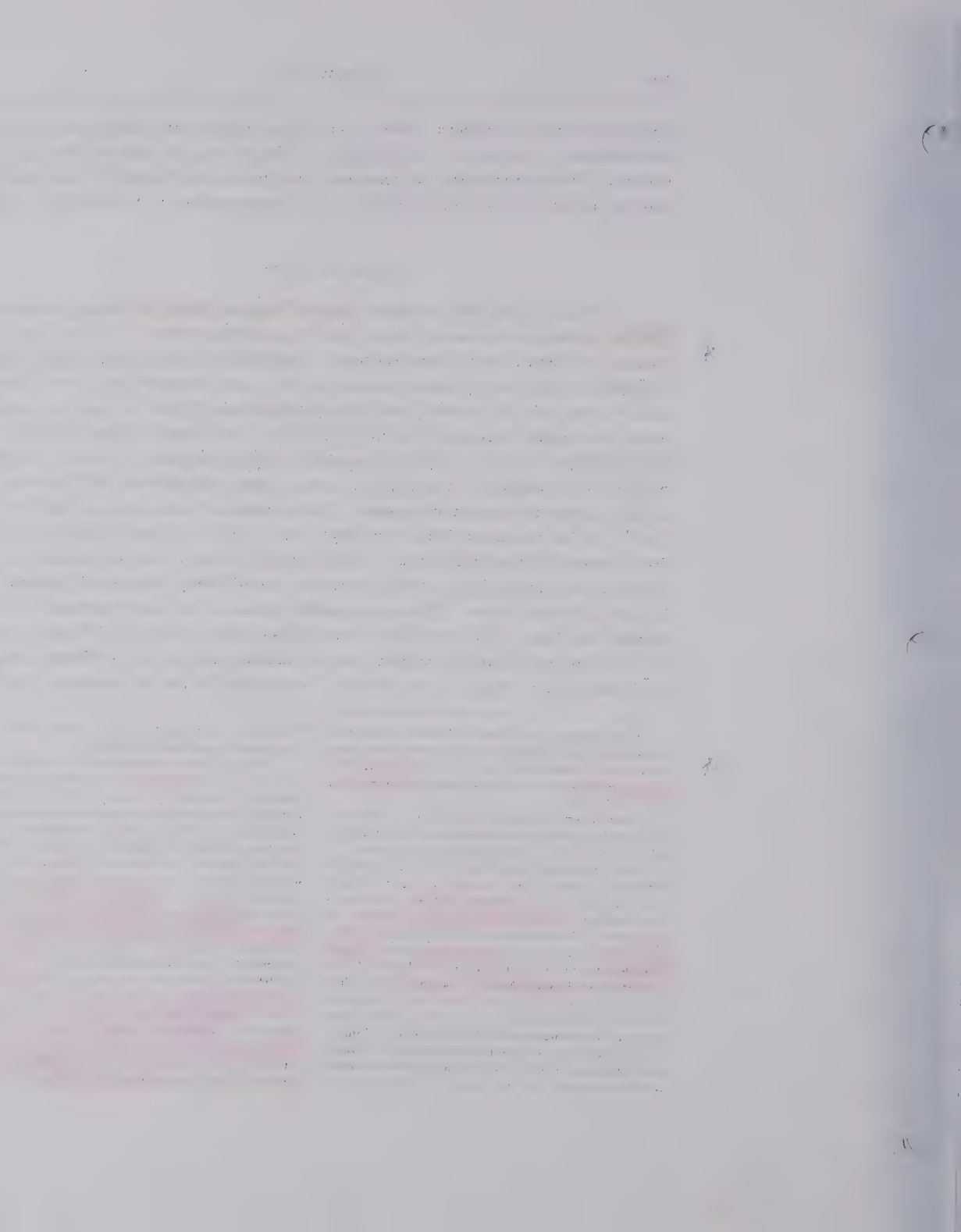
\* Two Holmes sisters lived in Bedford (south part of town on road leading east) some seventy or so years ago, one of whom, Amy, married as his third wife, Nathan Selleck, and was the mother of Jesse Selleck, 1<sup>st</sup> of Norwalk.

<sup>2</sup>John Holmes, nephew per chance of Richard, was killed by the fall of the first church bell that was raised in Stamford. See Huntington's Stamford.

<sup>3</sup>An interesting genealogical fact is divulged through a clause in the inventory, Aug. 2, 1699, of the Norwalk estate of Edward Nash,<sup>2d</sup>. Allusion is there made to "Deliverance Wakeley, son-in-law" of said Nash. This establishes the claim that the "Hannah Nash" who married Deliverance, son of Henry Wakeley, the noted colonial lawyer of Hartford, was a daughter of Edward Nash of Norwalk, rather than of Sergt. Joseph Nash of New Haven; and as Nathaniel Ketchum, who married June 12, 1710, Sarah, born Dec. 1, 1683, daughter of Deliverance and Hannah (Nash) Ketchum, was the probable ancestor of Amos and Hiram and Morris Ketchum as well as of Maria Ketchum Averill, wife of Chancellor Reuben Hyde

Walworth of Saratoga Springs, it gives to these kinsfolk an additional Norwalk lineage.

<sup>4</sup>Thomas Barlow is believed to have been a near relative of John Barlow,<sup>1st</sup>, both early settlers of Fairfield. The six acres granted him in 1653 by the Fairfield fathers are to-day a coveted portion of that handsome and historic town. He appointed in his will the celebrated Thomas Pell, of King Charles I. staff and lord of the Manor of Pelham, overseer of his three children, two of whom, Phoebe and Mary, married in Norwalk. Phoebe (Mrs. James Olmsted) had a son Nathan, born, April 27, 1678, who married, Dec. 17, 1702, Sarah, daughter of Ralph Keeler. By this union there was evidently a son, Nathan<sup>2nd</sup>, (afterward of New Fairfield, Conn.) but this Nathan's half brothers, Samuel and James, and his half sisters, Mercy and Lydia, were the issue, it seems, of his father's second marriage to Mercy, daughter of Christopher Comstock. Mercy Olmsted, daughter of Nathan, married Moses St. John, who is well represented in Norwalk to-day, and Lydia Olmsted, through her marriage to Matthew Fitch, became a fore-



the daughter, presumably, of Thomas Sherwood of Fairfield. Her daughter, Bertha Rumble, married Robert Stuart<sup>1st</sup> and her daughters, Mary and Phoebe Barlow married, respectively, John Nash (her step-son) and Lieut. Jas. Olmsted, both of Norwalk. Edward Nash was a tanner, which fact may account for his home-lot choice. This lot lay close to Mill Brook, No. 1, and after said brook's condemnation for mill purposes, it naturally recommended itself for "vat" and kindred conveniences. It is suggested that John Nash, born in England, in 1630, son of Edward<sup>1st</sup> of Lancashire, may have been the Virginia immigrant of that name. The Norwalk Nash's all proceed from John, son of the first Edward of this town. This John married, May 1, 1684, his step-mother's daughter, Mary Barlow, and had :

John<sup>2nd</sup>, b. Dec. 25, 1688;

Nathan, b. Jan. 26, 1692-3.

Mrs. John Nash died Sept. 2, 1711.

#### ASCENDANTS AND DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL NASH,<sup>2d</sup> OF WESTPORT.

Gen. I.—Edward Nash.

" II.—John<sup>1st</sup> and Mary (Barlow) Nash.

" III.—John<sup>2nd</sup> and Abigail (Blakeley) Nash.

" IV.—Micajah and Mary (Scribner) Nash.

" V.—Daniel<sup>1st</sup> and Freelove (Wright) Nash.

" VI.—Daniel<sup>2nd</sup> and Rebecca (Camp) Nash.

John Nash<sup>2nd</sup> married, May 19, 1709, Abigail, daughter of Ebenezer Blakeley of New Haven, and had :

MICAJAH.

Micajah Nash, having "come to years," married Oct. 9, 1744, Mary,<sup>1</sup> born March, 1711, daughter of John and Deborah (Lee) Scribner, and grand-daughter of the Huguenot

mother of remark. Matthew and Lydia Fitch were married Dec. 7, 1738, and had a son Nathan, born in New Canaan, Oct. 12, 1739. This son married Mary Reed, to whom a little one, Mercy, was born, who was baptized June 4, 1775. On Dec. 29, 1791, Mercy Fitch married Adam Swan of the Stonington Swan family. As Adam Swan descended from the Stonington Gallups (See Browning) it follows that Lydia Olmsted's great grand-children could claim Louis IV King of France, and the princess Edgina, grand-daughter of Alfred the Great, for ancestor and ancestress.

James Olmsted, son of Nathan<sup>1st</sup> and brother of Mercy (Mrs. Moses St. John) and Lydia (Mrs. Matthew Fitch) had a son, James, who married Sept. 17, 1754, Sarah Trowbridge. James and Sarah Olmsted had a son, Aaron, born March 4, 1770, who married June 17, 1792, Sarah Hawley. These were the parents of one, born Dec. 17, 1793, a man not alone of learning

but of talent, the cultured and memory-cherished Hawley Olmstead of Yale College fame.

John Barlow<sup>1st</sup> the kinsman of Thomas, had a son, John, who married Abigail, sister of Ephraim Lockwood, the founder of the Norwalk Lockwood household. These had a son, John, who was great-grandfather (Samuel<sup>2nd</sup> and <sup>1st</sup>) of Dr. Joel Barlow of Redding, a class-mate of Noah Webster, of conspicuous rank as a scholar, statesman and poet, and of affinity to Hon. Ebenezer J. Hill of Washington, D. C., and Norwalk, 1896.

"The only recorded "Mary Scribner" of Micajah Nash's day is Mary, daughter of John Scribner. There are complete lists of Thomas and Benj. Scribner<sup>2nd</sup> (sons of Benj.) children, but all efforts to find their brother Joseph's family have failed. It is possible for Mary (Mrs. Micajah Nash) to have been a daughter of Joseph Scribner, but as said Mary has documentary registration as the child of John Scribner,



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settler, John Ruscoe. Through the veins of Mrs. Micajah Nash ran, consequently, the Beebe blood of early New London. Micajah and Mary Nash lived in the to-day orchard lot on the Westport road opposite the residence of William Marvin of that town. To them was born, Dec. 2, 1747, a son Daniel <sup>1st</sup> who married Freelove<sup>1</sup>, daughter of Dennis Wright, and moved to Patchogue, L. I., where was born to Daniel <sup>1st</sup> and Freelove, May 12, 1770, Daniel <sup>2nd</sup> who in his first teens accompanied his father upon the family's return again to Westport. Daniel Nash <sup>2nd</sup> married, Oct. 9, 1808, Rebecca, daughter of Jonathan and Hannah (Bouton) Camp of Norwalk, and had:

Edward Hawks, b. Aug. 6, 1809;

Julia Ann, b. July 13, 1813;

Andrew, b. June 24, 1811;

Hannah, b. Feb. 6, 1816.

Edward Hawks Nash, son of Daniel <sup>2nd</sup> and Rebecca Nash, married, first, Oct. 9, 1836, Abigail Gorham, who died Jan. 16, 1861. He married, second, September 17, 1861, Margaret Newkirk, daughter of Reuben A. and Amelia Williams, and had:

Adelaide, b. Dec. 7, 1862; mar. Oct. 5, 1881, Elbert N. Sipperly.<sup>2</sup>

Lloyd, b. Feb. 18, 1865.

Louisa, b. Jan. 11, 1868; mar. Oct. 5, 1886, Theodore D. Robinson.<sup>3</sup>

Fannie, b. Nov. 15, 1870; mar. Dec. 16, 1891, Thomas Stearns.<sup>4</sup>

there is no reasonable probability of her belonging anywhere else.

Benj. Scrivener (afterward Scribner) came from Huntington, L. I., to Norwalk. \*He here married, March 5, 1679, Hannah, daughter of John Crampton, a soldier in the Indian wars. He planted his home in Norwalk in which were born as follows: Thomas, March, 1680; Benj. <sup>2nd</sup>, May, 1682; John, June, 1684; Hannah, July, 1687; Ruth, March, 1689; Joseph, Sept. 1692; Lydia, Dec., 1697; Elizabeth, July, 1699; Abigail, Jan., 1701.

Thomas Scribner, <sup>1st</sup>, the oldest son, had a daughter, Sarah, who married Gershom Bradley. This union suggests an interesting Bradley family investigation. Benj. Scribner, <sup>2nd</sup>, a brother of Thomas, was the father of Matthew Scribner, whose son, Rev. Matthew Scribner, married three years before Norwalk was burned, Abigail, daughter of Dr. Uriah Rogers of "Town House Hill" Norwalk. These had only one child, Uriah Rogers Scribner, who married a Norwalk miss, his cousin, Martha Scribner. These had two children, one of them, Matilda, married Geo. W. Schuyler, the Ithaca, N. Y. coal dealer. The first Mrs. Uriah R. Scribner died early, and her husband married, second, Betsy, born June 20, 1787, daughter of Thomas, a grandson of Rev. Thomas Hawley, of Ridgefield. The sixth child by this marriage, was the late Charles Scribner who founded the large metropolitan publishing establishment now known as that of "Charles Scribner's Sons."

Mary, the daughter of John Scribner, brother of Thos. and Benj. <sup>2nd</sup>, married Micajah Nash, the descent, in one time, from whom is mentioned in the text.

<sup>1</sup>She overlived her husband but was faithfully cared for by her son and grand-children. Her father came from Eaton Neck Manor, L. I., and was a large land-owner on the west side the Saugatuck. Her parent's house (still standing on the ancient upper Fairfield road at the top of the hill directly east from the present Lloyd Nash home) was, after her husband's death, vacated by herself and she made her home with her son at the foot of the hill (Lloyd Nash's home.) Here she interested and entertained others by her recital of Indian life as it had been related to her by those who had gone before. She was wont to make distinct allusion to the natives who tented a little west of the Saugatuck, and described as existing in one place, north of Peat Swamp, a line of Indian huts and the customs of their dwellers. These particular ones, as she remembered being told, were distinctly savage. The young listened eagerly to her. She is buried beside her husband at the north end of the church wall of St. Paul's church.

<sup>2</sup>His children are Elbert N.; Irving H.; Onona Christabel; Everitt L.; Lena A.; Elliott Hawthorne.

<sup>3</sup>His children are Lloyd N.; Fances M.; Ruth Williams; Rebecca Camp.

<sup>4</sup>Thos. Stearns was formerly principal of Staples' School, Westport. His child is Harold Calhoun.

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Edward H. Nash,<sup>1</sup> married, third, April 17, 1872, Mary Elizabeth, widow of Clark Marvin Tuttle, and daughter of Lewis and Maria Partrick.

Andrew Camp Nash, son of Daniel<sup>2d</sup>. and Rebecca Nash. married, Jan. 18, 1835, Eliza A., daughter of Jabez and Anna Adams, and had :

Mary Francis, b. Feb. 26, 1837, mar. George B. Bouton, M. D.<sup>3</sup>

Daniel Camp, b. Sept. 13, 1839.

Edward Adams, b. Dec. 25, 1841.

Andrew Sherwood, b. Oct. 8, 1843 ; d. Apr. 29, 1875 ; unmarried.

Celestia Annie, b. Dec. 28, 1846 ; d. July 15, 1847.

Eliza Anna, b. May 15, 1849 ; mar. Oct. 5, 1870, Albert Wilkins.<sup>3</sup>

Amelia Rebecca, b. March 14, 1854.

Julia Ann, dau. of Daniel Nash<sup>2d</sup>. married Joseph Wood, and had Ann Rebecca, who married Joseph Hill, whose children were Joseph Wood Hill,<sup>4</sup> (Principal of the Bishop Scott Grammar School of Portland, Oregon) and Julia Isabella, who married George S. Brooks<sup>5</sup> of Washington Territory.

Hannah, dau. of Daniel Nash<sup>2d</sup>. married Ezra Morgan of Newtown, Conn., and had :

Elizabeth Sanford.<sup>6</sup>

Mary Camp, b. July 17, 1842 ; d. Aug. 6, 1890.

Harriet Louise.

Cornelia Jane.

Daniel Nash ;<sup>7</sup> Treasurer of the United States.

Frederick Ezra.

Hannah Sophia.

Edward Kemper.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Edward H. and Andrew C. Nash, (near neighbors all their days) attended school in the old building that stood a little west of their father's house on the opposite side of the street from where dwelt "the man at the turnpike-bar," but their irreproachable lives have attested to the truth of the poet's line that "the best academie is the mother's knee." They have been diligent in their day and generation and merit the comfort and competency that now crown their long life story. Their two sisters in the days of their youth made the Nash home inviting, and cherished memories cluster around the still existing fire-side.

<sup>2</sup>Dr. Bouton, b. Apr. 27, 1828, is son of Stephen and Harriett (Bradley) Bouton of Troy, N. Y., and grandson of Stephen<sup>1st</sup>. and Hannah (Camp) Bouton of Norwalk, and great-grandson of Esaias Bouton of page 55. He was born in Troy, in which city his father was a prominent merchant. He is a Yale 1856 graduate and was a New York medical college student.

After an extensive Metropolitan practice he removed in 1866, to Westport, having previously (April 28, 1861) married one of the truest of New England daughters, now of noble memory, Mary Frances, oldest child of Andrew C. Nash. Dr. Bouton has earned the leisure which his culture and fine taste enable him to improve and enjoy.

<sup>3</sup>Had Mary Amelia, d. July 2, 1894, aged 22 years.

<sup>4</sup>He married Jennie K., daughter of George S. Adams of Westport, and had: Joseph A.; George, died young; Benj. W.

<sup>5</sup>His children are: Robert; Rebecca; Elting; Philips; Mary Watson.

<sup>6</sup>Married Rufus D. Cable of Westport, and had: John, deceased; Mary Elizabeth; George Ezra, deceased; Sophia Morgan, deceased; Hannah Louise; Cornelia Antionette.

<sup>7</sup>Married Medora Judson. His children are: Mary Huntington; William Judson.

<sup>8</sup>His children are Daniel Judson; Fred'k. Edward.

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Lloyd, son of Edward H. and Margaret Nash, married, April 6, 1885, Charlotte H. Colt of Exeter, N. Y., and had:

Edward Colt, born Feb. 15, 1887.

Louise, born Sept. 11, 1889.

Margaret, born June 21, 1890; died 1891.

Daniel C., son of Andrew C. and Eliza A. Nash, married, Jan. 5, 1862, Rebecca Jackson, widow of John Canfield, and had:

Jennie Kate.

Ella Frances, born May 5, 1866; died 1875.

George Russell.

Edward A., son of Andrew C. and Eliza A. Nash, married June 6, 1866, Mary Edwards Morey of Kent, Conn., and had:

Edward Irving, born Oct. 10, 1867; deceased.

Annie Winnifred, born March 13, 1869; married W. J. Wood.

Paul, born Dec. 3, 1870; married Mary Punzelt.

#### ASCENDANTS AND DESCENDANTS OF CAPT. DANIEL KELLOGG NASH.

Gen. I.—Edward Nash.

“ II.—John and Mary Nash.

“ III.—John<sup>2d</sup>. and Abigail Nash.

“ IV.—Abraham and Rhoda (Keeler) Nash.”

<sup>1</sup>Rhoda Keeler, whom Abram Nash<sup>1st</sup>. married, appears to have been the daughter of John<sup>2nd</sup>. and Rhoda (Hoyt) Keeler. Rhoda Hoyt was the daughter of Zerubbabel Hoyt from whom Major-General W. T. Sherman derived his Hoyt blood. John Keeler<sup>1st</sup>. was son of Ralph Keeler<sup>1st</sup>.

Mrs. Abram Nash's grandfather, John Keeler<sup>1st</sup>. married, June 18, 1679, Mehitable, daughter of John Rockwell of Stamford. Mehitable's mother died, it is believed, when her daughter was very young. John Keeler owned, in 1718, the property comprising the Morgan avenue residential site of 1896. His son, John Jr., born Dec. 26, 1682, and who was married Apr. 19, 1710, to Rhoda Hoyt, gave on Dec. 4, 1744, a handsome present of one hundred pounds Norwalk commonage to his son-in-law Abraham Nash. Abraham and Rhoda Nash lived in Ridgefield. They had a son, Jacob, born Aug. 30, 1751, who married Free Love, daughter of Elisha Keeler of Ridgefield. Mrs. Jacob Nash died in early married life and her husband removed to Ballston Spa, N. Y., where resided his cousin Eliakim Nash (son of Abraham's brother Ebenezer) who owned and lived upon the property on which the famous Springs are situated. Jacob Nash's second married life was short. He returned from

Ballston to Ridgefield, and, fired with the spirit of '76, asked to help protect his father's old town (Norwalk) when Tryon invaded it. The stranger's petition was granted and he bravely assisted the Norwalk defenders. During the fray he received a mortal wound. Capt. Betts ordered him to be at once cared for, but the hero replied "It is over with me, help somebody else," and died. He is buried in his parents' adopted town, Ridgefield. His son Jacob was the father of Capt. Daniel K. Nash. Eliakim Nash referred to in this paragraph, (nephew of Abraham and Rhoda Nash), married Anna Whitlock. These had a daughter Alice who, on Dec. 15, 1791, married Samuel T. Barnum of New Fairfield and had twins, David and Betsey, born Apr. 27, 1794. On Sept. 22, 1814, Betsey Barnum married Amzi, son of Rev. Medad Rogers of New Fairfield, and so peaceful was the married life of Amzi and Betsey that a harsh word never, it is claimed, escaped the lips of either. These were the parents of the present Theodore D. Rogers and his sisters Emily and Harriet A. of Strawberry Hill.

Abraham and Rhoda Nash were the great-grandparents of the late Harry W. Nash, born Oct. 3, 1817, who resided on Chestnut Hill and whose son, W. E. Nash, is a citizen of Westport to-day.

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Gen. V.—Jacob and Freeloze (Keeler) Nash.

“ VI.—Jacob and Anna (Rockwell) Nash.

“ VII.—Capt. Daniel Kellogg Nash.

Capt. Daniel K. Nash was born in Ridgefield, March 15, 1795. He was a master mariner and one of the sturdy men of the past generation. His mother, Anna, daughter of James and Abigail Rockwell of Ridgefield, was of mental and moral strength, and her sea-faring son inherited her excellent qualities. This son married in Norwalk, Jan. 4, 1820, Sally, daughter of Hezekiah and Lydia (Lockwood) Raymond and had :

Sarah Ann, b. Apr. 21, 1821; mar. May. 4, 1842, Wm. C. Sammis.<sup>1</sup>

Minerva Elizabeth, b. Nov. 8, 1822; mar. Aug. 28, 1843, Wm. A. Raymond.<sup>2</sup>

Francis Hawley, b. May 27, 1825; mar. June 2, 1851, Sarah M. Hallock.

George H., b. Sept. 12, 1827; d. Oct. 5, 1828.

Theodorus Clark, b. July 26, 1829; d. May 13, 1844.

Theodorus Burr, b. July 26, 1829; mar. Sept. 9, 1869, Emma E. Palmer.

Mary Hallock, b. Feb. 29, 1832; mar. Aug. 4, 1853, Samuel H. Orton, M.D.<sup>3</sup>

Clarence, b. Sept. 20, 1834; mar. Apr. 21, 1862, Annie Durand.

Capt. Daniel K. Nash met accidental death in South Norwalk, on Oct. 18, 1864. He had for nine years survived his wife, who died Sept. 28, 1855. At home and abroad and in public and private life he was a brave,<sup>4</sup> true man and one of Fairfield County's staunchest sons. His wife was born Sept. 17, 1794. Her grand-father, Simeon Raymond, lived immediately north of the present South Norwalk Congregational church, and her father Hezekiah on the hill westward. Her older sister, Lydia, married Samuel B. Warren, familiarly called "Squire Warren," (son of Joseph<sup>ad</sup>) who was a well-known man in the community. His residence was the summit of Flax Hill, the present homestead site of

<sup>1</sup>The children of Wm. C. Sammis are: John S., who married Christine, daughter of John J. Cape; Theodore, who married Lena Doolittle of New York; Mary and Eva, who died in infancy; Frank A., formerly of the Consolidated Road's Bridgeport office; and Edward and Augustus.

<sup>2</sup>The children of W. A. Raymond were: William T. and Willametta, died young; Alexander Bunker; Lillie Marion and Mary A., who married Allen Grant of Michigan, and has one child, Herbert.

<sup>3</sup>Samuel Henry Orton came to South Norwalk as principal of its old established academy. He was a man of fine culture and found agreeable environments in the family of Capt. Daniel K. Nash. An acquaintance was here formed that ripened into intimacy and eventual affection, the happy sequel of which was the union of two kindred spirits by the marriage, on Aug. 4, 1853, of himself and Mary Hallock Nash, the daughter of the Norwalk home of which he was a temporary member. Dr. Orton's nature-benevolence found an ample field for its exercise at the

Government Hospital at Fort Schuyler on the Sound. Here he was a power. Warm acknowledgment was made by the ladies of the Fort Schuyler association, of the "untiring skill, devotion and sympathy, extended at all times and under all circumstances" by him. After this professional connection he established a delightful home in South Norwalk where he died April 26, 1892. His wife survived him about four years, and was interred in Riverside Cemetery, Norwalk, in 1896, beside him.

<sup>4</sup>In olden times, before "licenses" were issued, it was the custom to make declaration of matrimony-intention, during public worship, on the Sunday or so preceding the solemnization of the rite. Through delicacy parties interested sometimes remained away from service at such particular times, while others felt it proper not alone to be present but to rise and stand when announcement was made. When, on the Sunday that members were set off from the First Congregational church to the second society in "Old Well," the family of Capt. D. K. Nash was called, the

# THEORY OF THE EARTH

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Joshua Jennings, whose wife is a niece of said S. B. Warren. Passing the old home, now supplanted by a handsome lawn-fronted structure, pressed Paul Revere on one of his courier commissions to the authority-representatives, and John Parke Custis,<sup>1</sup> after his mar-

seaman with his wife and two daughters rose, dignifiedly, in their pew in the "Meeting House on the Green," and by this expressive act regardfully said adieu to the old, and manfully confessed allegiance to the new relation.

Capt. Daniel K. Nash commanded for many years the favorite schooner "Minerva." A Catskill, N. Y. correspondent of the "Hudson Daily Star," thus describes a trip, made over fifty years since, on this vessel.

CATSKILL, N. Y., Aug. 21, 1872.

EDITOR DAILY STAR:

"I noticed the return of the party of Hudsonians who went east a few weeks ago, in the Schooner Minerva, on a pleasure excursion. This called up in the mind of the writer, incidents which occurred in connection with the vessel, more than thirty years ago. If I mistake not, this craft has had an existence of nearly 36 years. She was built and rigged as a sloop prior to the year 1838 by Capt. D. K. Nash of Norwalk, Conn., who was owner and commander. He named this vessel after his daughter Minerva. This sloop was large and strongly built, and used exclusively for the coasting trade. The voyages extended from Amboy, N. J. and Long Island, with Potter's Clay to Albany, and in return lumber to eastern ports. Many times these trips would extend around Cape Cod to Boston, when the cargo would be exchanged for various commodities—viz.: ashes, marble, etc., often loading with huge blocks of hewn granite cut ready to use in the rebuilding of the Merchant's Exchange in New York City; these voyages usually occupied from three to four weeks, and were often attended with considerable danger. It was on one of these return trips, in the summer of 1840, that the writer was a passenger from Boston to New York. We left Boston with a large cargo of hewn blocks of quincey granite, weighing several tons each, and these on deck. When we left Boston Bay, the wind was blowing strong from the east, and as a consequence a heavy sea lay along our quarter all down the coast till night closed in upon us near the inlet to Chatham harbor. Here the captain decided to anchor and ride out the gale through the night. Accordingly, the vessel was "hove to" and the anchor let go in about six fathoms of water. Here we lay all night gradually dragging our anchors as we drifted towards the distant shore, from which the roar of the breaking surf could be distinctly heard. There was no sleep on that craft that night; all realized the perilous position in which we were placed, with a lading that, had we sprung a leak, would have carried us down

like so much lead. Lying off, with the broad Atlantic on the one side and uncertain, treacherous shoals on the other—in the teeth of a fierce easterly gale—a high running sea would occasionally break over us from stem to stern. Our position was anything but agreeable. Keen eyes were peering through the darkness, watching as best they could, the sturdy, straining chain cables that were holding us so securely. All that dismal night we watched and waited for the morning, till at last, far to the seaward, over the broad ocean burst a gleam of light, which rose higher and higher, till the full morning burst upon us, clear and beautiful. The wind had abated, but the sea was breaking wildly about us, and as day-light revealed our position, we found ourselves much nearer the shoals than we supposed, over which the sea was now breaking at a fearful height.

"All hands on deck," was the order from our commander, and right gladly *did* all hands work at the windlass till those trusty anchors, with their now bright flukes, were securely "catted" and we were fully underway. Not the least anxious person on board that dismal night, was our worthy captain, for two of his daughters, Minerva and an older sister were our fellow-passengers. The last trip of the "Minerva" as a sloop, was in the early part of the winter of the same year, 1840. She left Boston for Norwalk; encountered a snow storm when a few hours out; put into Provincetown harbor, back side of Cape Cod, where she rode out the gale with the loss of her mast. She was rigged as a schooner at Provincetown during that winter, and in the spring of 1841, resumed her regular trips.

During the summer of this year, the writer made a trip around the Cape to Boston on the schooner and found her sailing qualities much improved. She was a staunch old craft in those days, and is probably good for many years service yet to come."

The following Custis facts contributed by the family of Major-Gen. Robert E. Lee of Virginia, are Norwalk-retained.

John Parke Custis, the son of a wealthy planter and heir to fifteen hundred acres, and between two and three hundred slaves, was an amiable youth. His step-father and guardian, Gen. Washington, greatly loved him and his sister Martha, and brought the boy up in the thorough habits of a Colonial Virginia gentleman. When he was eight years old, Washington ordered from his London agents the lad's supplies, to wit, "a hat; four pairs of strong shoes; silver shoe and kneebuckles; small bible and prayer book bound in Turkey." He was placed under





riage, and accompanied by his new bride and his mother, Mrs. Geo. Washington, on the way to meet the commander at Boston. Here the squire, as justice of the peace, pronounced his candidates for matrimony man and wife, while little eyes and ears in the corner intently looked and listened. In that same Flax Hill home was brought up an "old well" boy whose selfless future is an example to all on-coming Norwalk youth. The child Hezekiah (the squire's son), brother of Mrs. Nash, grew to become Hezekiah R. Warren, M. D., of Medina, N. Y., whose heroism during the cholera visitation of 1832, adds a rich lustre to his name. Dr. Warren had already lost a wife and daughter by the plague when a citizen's committee waited upon him and urged him to rest from his incessant ministrations to the stricken. He nobly declined only to himself fall, a few days afterward, a victim to the scourge. He was a descendant of Edmond Warren, the Norwalk Warren settler and the great-grand-son of Joseph Warren of Norwalk, whose New England and Ohio representatives to-day insist upon their progenitor's relationship to Major-General Joseph Warren, of Bunker Hill.<sup>1</sup>

Francis H., son of Capt. Daniel K. and Sally Nash, was born beneath the towering elms under the predecessors of which Rev. John Bishop, the first minister of Stamford passed, as bible in hand he, nearly two hundred years before, trudged from Boston to and through this town. This son, Francis, was a valuable citizen of South Norwalk. Educated at the old academy in that place, his career conferred honor upon an institution that had long been a credit to that section of the town. Of coveted reputation he died suddenly on Feb. 12, 1887, leaving the following children:

Lewis Hallock, b. Apr. 16, 1852; mar. Anna M. Archer.

Emily Cornelia, b. Aug. 7, 1854; d. Mar. 27, 1855.

Fannie Clarence, b. Feb. 28, 1856; d. May 28, 1860.

Frank, b. Feb. 13, 1858.

Horace Raymond, b. March 24, 1860.

Clarence Charles, b. Aug. 15, 1863.

Willimetta Orton, b. Sept., 1867.

Theodorus Burr Nash, son of Capt. Daniel K., now resides in Bayview avenue, South Norwalk. He has no children.

Clarence, the youngest child of Capt. Daniel K. Nash, has two children, one of

the educational care of Rev. Jonathan Bouchier of Annapolis, and went afterward to Kings (Columbia) College, N. Y. When only nineteen years old he married, in 1774, Eleanor Calvert. Washington was present at the wedding, but Mrs. Washington was prevented from attending. As the war of the Revolution was about opening Washington was called to Boston, where, with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. John Parke Custis, he spent some time, and where the young Custis became bearer of dispatches. During

the next six years the Father of his Country was fighting for liberty and his family was at Mount Vernon. Here four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Custis, from one of whom sprang the wife of Gen. Lee, commander of the Confederate army of the "sixties." In Oct. 1781, Washington was at Yorktown where his step-son, acted as aid-de-camp. On a cold morning of this month, tidings reached Mount Vernon of victory.

<sup>1</sup>See Warren lineage.



whom, Mabel, married Charles Stuart, who also has two children, Gladys and Fletcher. The second son of Clarence is Wm. Gardiner, who is unmarried.

Of the daughters of Capt. Daniel K. Nash, Mrs. William C. Sammis to-day survives a husband who was for several years a faithful Norwalk selectman, and Minerva Elizabeth, of fondly remembered girlhood, wedded her cousin, William Asa Raymond, whose establishment was one of the most reputable houses that graced the business avenues of the city of Detroit; while Mary H., of grateful memory, was, as has been noted, the wife of Dr. Samuel H. Orton of Caldwell, New Jersey.

#### DESCENDANTS OF CAPT. BURR NASH.

Capt. Burr, born March 1, 1807, a master mariner and younger brother of Capt. Daniel K. Nash, married, first, June 17, 1831, Abbie Jane, born March 11, 1812, daughter of Ezekiel and Sarah (Whitlock) Morgan of Wilton, and had:

Melissa Jane, married Dec. 8, 1853, Capt. Douglas Fowler of Guilford.<sup>1</sup>

Herman Bangs, died in infancy.

Sarah Augusta, married Andrew Thompson of New York.

Minerva Helen.

Serviah, married Rev. Henry E. Wing.

Wilbur, killed at Battle of Fredericksburgh, Va.

Charles Morgan, died Jan. 1, 1868, aged nineteen.

Capt. Burr Nash married, second, Feb. 17, 1858, Mary Weed. There was but one child by this union, viz., Albert B., M. D., who married Ella Elmer of Newark, N. J.

The children of Capt. Douglas Fowler were Frederick and Melissa, both of whom died young.

The child of Andrew Thompson is Florence Helen, who married, June 14, 1895, Edwards Wilkinson.

The children of Rev. Henry E. Wing are Henrietta and Charles Louis.

Capt. Arnot Nash, brother of Capts. Burr and Daniel K., married Deborah, daughter of Nathan S. Comstock of New Canaan, and had one daughter who married James Nall of Detroit. She deceased, and her husband married, for his second wife, Isabella, daughter of Algernon E. Beard of South Norwalk.

<sup>1</sup>It was the eve of "Gettysburgh." On the afternoon of July 1, 1863, Union and Confederate were contesting the possession of "Seminary Ridge" at Gettysburgh. Nightfall was approaching, and the army of the south had been successful, at the start, in routing its opponents. The Conn. 17th was in the engagement, led by Lieut.-Col. Douglas Fowler, who, in the temporary absence of Col. Wm. H. Noble, was in command. In the midst of this initial struggle the

soldier-born Fowler received a mortal wound, and was lifted from his charger and rested against an adjoining wall. All efforts to save the hero were unavailing, and, his warfare over, he, 'mid the heat of conflict, slept the sleep that knows no waking here. His horse and military accoutrements were cared for by his patriot-comrade, Hon. A. H. Byington (1896) of Norwalk, who later conveyed to the widow her husband's battle-field effects.





## HOME-LOT VI.

JOHN RUSCOE, RUSCO or RESCUE, the Huguenot, of Lot No. 6, was the son of Wm. Rusco<sup>1</sup> of Hartford, and afterward, evidently, of Norwalk. The Rusco's may have chosen Norwalk for a residence through the intervention of the Marvins, with whom they were fellow passengers from the Old World and, later, fellow Hartford settlers.<sup>2</sup> They came from Essex County, Britain, to Cambridge, and from thence to Hartford and Norwalk. John<sup>1st</sup> son of William, was married in Hartford on Jan. 2, 1650, to Rebecca Beebe.<sup>3</sup> These two came with the pioneers to Norwalk and were allotted for a home the four acres, covered in part, to-day, by the East Norwalk Consolidated station for east bound trains. The lot sloped pleasantly south, and Mr. and Mrs. Rusco had, for north-adjoining neighbors, Rev. Thos. Hanford and Thos. Benedict, Sr. From this green meadow-lot went forth their sons John<sup>2d</sup> and Thomas, and daughters Mary, (unmarried,) and Rebecca (Mrs. James Brown<sup>3</sup>)

<sup>1</sup>In the roll of "Ludlow Agreement" settlers, page 78, is found the name of "Nathaniel Rusco," who appears to have no after Norwalk connection. And Nathaniel is the same, probably, who married, Nov. 11, 1645, Joanna Corlet. (See Hartford Record.) William, father of John Rusco of Norwalk, was born in England in 1594. His first wife is unknown, but it would seem that his second wife, whom he married in 1616, was a widow Hume.

Norwalk may point with pardonable pleasure to some of its fathers of this name. James Beebe—of the New London Beebe's probably—arrived in Norwalk somewhat subsequently to the original lot lay-out and was awarded the two acres now covered by the lower portion of C. F. Osborn's homestead, and the adjoining Thomas and Wood sites. His wife, whom he married Dec. 19, 1675, was Sarah, daughter of Thomas Benedict, Sr., who himself came a little later than the first pioneers, to Norwalk. James and Sarah Beebe here resided, having for neighbors, on the opposite side of the street (Selleck school property to-day) Judah Gregory and John Hoyt. There were born to James Beebe, Sr., two sons, James<sup>2d</sup> and Samuel. These were infants at the time of the family's removal to Danbury,<sup>4</sup> in which place the boys' father, James Beebe, was chosen first justice of the peace. James<sup>1st</sup> born in 1641, and coming in the early life to Norwalk, spent, afterward, forty-three fruitful years in Danbury, where at length he died, Nov. 22, 1728, leaving his sons James<sup>2d</sup>, and Samuel. Both found families of influence. James<sup>2d</sup>, born, 1682, like his father, was a justice of the peace, was a parent in 1717, of the distinguished North Stratford (Trumbull) Conn. 1747 pastor, and Ticonderoga captain, and Revolutionary war patriot, and of his other Samuel.

<sup>4</sup>Danbury was settled by eight Norwalk men, and the cholera fever in 1825, like the California fever in 1849, would seem to have been contagious. These three closest Norwalk

<sup>3</sup>James Brown is an early Norwalk name which at once arrests attention. He came to the town some years after the arrival of the settlers, and according to Bolton, (see History of Westchester County, page 412) probably belonged to "a branch of the Brown's of Stamford, Lincolnshire, England, a house of no little repute." He is registered as owning in 1687, in Norwalk, £50 commonage, and himself and wife Rebecca, brought up their family in the meadow now occupied as the East Avenue home of the daughters of the late Eli B. Bennett. There is record of the birth, March 1, 1690, of their son Isaac, and of the marriage, Dec. 20, 1714, (to Joanna Whitehead) of their son, James<sup>2d</sup>, who afterward figured so conspicuously in the history of The Oblong, and was, it is believed, the ancestor of many of the Norwalk and Oblong families of that name. To James and Joanna was born, in Norwalk, James<sup>3d</sup>, who first saw the light within, it is supposed, the very frame around which was built the Eversely and now the re-constructed Eli B. Bennett home, and was one of the marked men of his generation. His father, James<sup>2d</sup>, was one of the purchasers, in 1708, of Ridgefield, and had set off to him, in 1729, one hundred Salem acres. He made his will on Jan. 31st, 1769, and died within two months. He left a negro man, "Tower Hill," to his wife and reserved for her a portion of his "Mansion House in Norwalk." He was a partner of William Smith, Chief Justice of the Province of New York, the father of Joshua Hett Smith, at whose house, below West Point, the Andre and Arnold treason was planned. These two lawyers were proprietors of some eleven thousand Salem acres. The Brown portion was distributed by will, to a goodly share of which acreage James Brown<sup>3d</sup> fell heir. James<sup>3d</sup> died in Salem, on Sunday, Feb. 19, 1786. He is not, it is thought, buried in Norwalk.

neighbors, James Beebe, Judah Gregory, and John Hoyt vacated their Norwalk homes and were among the eight founders in 1785 of Pabiquioque (Danbury.)



as also their daughters Sarah (Mrs. Thomas Rockwell<sup>1</sup>) and Ruth (Mrs. James Abbott) and Mehitabel (Mrs. Lieut. Wm. Lees). John Rusco<sup>2d</sup> died young, and evidently before marriage, as the disposal of his estate (see Fairfield probate records) so indicates. This left his brother, Thomas, to perpetuate the Rusco sire name. Thomas seems to have been interested in the "West Side" lands, and "Rusco Creek," in the rear of the present South Norwalk corset establishment, was probably named for him. Himself and wife, Abigail, had a family of nine children, viz.: Thomas<sup>2d</sup>, John, James, Theophilus, Josiah, Samuel, Mary, Abigail (Mrs. Wendall) and Rebecca (Mrs. Samuel Smith). Thomas<sup>1st</sup> died in the summer of 1739. His son, Thomas<sup>2d</sup>, the date and order of whose birth are not ascertained, married Elizabeth, daughter of Ebenezer, and a grand-daughter of Matthew<sup>1st</sup> and Sarah (Treat) Campfield, and had a son, Thomas<sup>3d</sup>, who seems to have been the father of

#### JOHN RUSCO OF RUSCO RIDGE.

This parent of a numerous descent was married, on March 9, 1758, to Joanna Arnold of Salem, and his home, on one of the most commanding heights in the lower Oblong, (named for, and possibly first occupied by, the Sachem Winnipauke) lay midway on the north side of the winding road that connects Bald Hill, Conn., with the hamlet of

His sister, Mary, married Samuel, the oldest son of Ralph Isaacs, and their son, Samuel Brown Isaacs, fell heir to a large slice of his uncle James Brown's property.

Rev. James Brown of The Oblong, and of a more modern date than James the barrister, was the grandfather of the present "Selleck Brothers," the great grandmother of whom was eminently patriotic. While Tryon had command of Long Island he sent agents to this side of the Sound to purchase cattle and horses, and The Oblong was a field for such stock transactions. The British employed a middle man, whose duty it was to secure the live stock from the first owner, and see the same driven to the Darien shore, from whence transportation was had to Long Island. Sally Selleck's husband embarked in this enterprise but the wife put an effectual stop to it, and the Salem "Horse Hollow" (near East Woods) was broken up. Mrs. Selleck stood, (once gun in hand,) so eagerly intent upon the performance of loyalty-missions, that the Continental men were accustomed, when they met her, to pass along the line "Hurrah for Sally." She was thoroughly successful in turning her husband from torism to patriotism.

Eber and Hannah Brown of the same vicinity were heavy land owners and held title to hundreds of Oblong acres. Their daughter married Daniel Stevens and had Daniel<sup>2d</sup>, who was the father of James Stevens, the proprietor for years of the Connecticut Hotel in Norwalk. Eber Brown, the great-grandfather of landlord James Stevens, owned a large portion of the territory about Trinity Lake. He was remarkable for

physical strength. It is said that he had been known to cut ten acres of rye in a day. His wife Hannah, was an Arnold, an English woman.

<sup>1</sup>Thomas, son of John and Elizabeth (Weed) Rockwell of Stamford, married, Dec. 9, 1703, Sarah, daughter of John Rusco<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk. Thomas and Sarah Rockwell had three sons, Thomas<sup>2d</sup>, John and Jabez. Thomas<sup>2d</sup>, born Dec. 13, 1708, married Ruth, daughter of Dea. James and Sarah (Hyatt) Benedict. These had a son, Lieut. James Rockwell, born June 9, 1750, who married Abigail, daughter of Thomas Hawley (son of Rev. Thomas) of Ridgefield. Their daughter, Anna, became the mother of Capt. D. K. Nash of South Norwalk, and their son, Gould<sup>1st</sup>, born Dec. 18, 1778, married Polly, born July 23, 1779, daughter of Nathan and Mary (Smith) Dauchy, and was the father of the late Gould Rockwell<sup>2d</sup>, born March 6, 1808, who married, first, Mary Caroline Bradley, and second, Mary Louisa Denman. Gould Rockwell<sup>2d</sup>, a man of sterling principle and honor, was, formerly, a Troy, N. Y., citizen and churchman. He spent the latter part of his life in his native Ridgefield, and died, while absent for the winter, in New York City, March 10, 1892.

Thos. Hawley Rockwell, born May 21, 1776, son of Lieut. Jas. and Abigail, and brother of Anna (Mrs. Jacob Nash) and Gould Rockwell<sup>1st</sup>, married Polly Smith of Ridgefield. These were the parents of David Smith Rockwell, a New Canaan resident of enterprise and excellence, and for many years principal of the "Church Hill Institute" of that town. Mr. D. S. Rockwell married Betsey, daughter of



Vista, in the State of New York. In front of John Rusco's house, as will be seen to-day, began the undulating swell of land called, later, for the Rusco family, and which extended south, in the early days, quite towards Upper Smith's Ridge. It embraced, possibly, before its Comstock-occupancy, the fine stretch of property opposite to, and quite south of, on the east side of the highway, the present extensive Vista home-hearth of Mrs. Samuel Comstock.

The slightly crest of this height was the hearthstone, during the American Revolution, of John Rusco, son, as before hinted, of Thomas<sup>3d</sup>. and of the blood of the sturdy John Rusco, the Norwalk pioneer of that worthy name. The family circle consisted thus:

Samuel, mar. Esther Hayes;	Jemima, mar. Jared Adams;
Elizabeth, mar. Abram Hayes;	John; no trace after majority.
James, mar. Anna Hoyt;	David, mar. Susannah Hoyt;
Joanna, mar. Michael Lockwood, Jr.;	Esther, mar. Daniel Reed;
Rachel, mar. Benjamin Pinney.	

Samuel, the oldest son, married into the Hayes family and built him a home about one-half mile to the east of his father, on the same Bald Hill road. His daughter, Esther, married as his third wife, Nathan S. Comstock of New Canaan.

Elizabeth, Mrs. Abram Hayes, and sister-in-law of Esther (Mrs. Samuel Rusco), lived

Nathan S. Comstock. Mrs. D. S. Rockwell was baptized in the old still occupied Silver Mine south-facing, historic house, a picture of the past, and which played an important part in the doings of the memorable Saturday night preceding the burning of Norwalk. At a no great distance from this Comstock (now Wardwell structure) stood the Hayden home, it was in or near the woods, and at the gloomy period just spoken of, detained for a short time, one of the enemies' captured men. His meals were sent the prisoner, and at one time, by a little girl who, as she approached his apartment, caused him to burst into tears. He mentioned, afterwards, that he had a child of the same age at home, the thought of whom and of the changed condition of his case, for the moment overcame him. Mrs. Betsey Comstock Rockwell, who had been a valuable help-meet to her husband, survived him for a number of years, and recently fell peacefully asleep. The children of David S. and Betsey Rockwell were Wilbur Fisk; James Vincent; Alphonse D.; Theron C.; Ransom W.; Arthur L.

A short distance west of this residence was the locality named by The Oblong settlers "Wild Cat Rocks"; while somewhat to the north-east of the Rusco house and at the extreme head of Rusco Ridge, as seen to-day the prostrate "Balance Rock" of the last century. The late E. W. Raymond, born in 1822, repeatedly stated that he was wont to visit the spot in his youth when the now fallen boulder was in

position. The same was thrown out of place by a company of rollicksome men from across the State line, who, by means of bars and rails, succeeded in precipitating the bulky mass to the ground. From the base of the ancient balanced granite, a most charming view of Connecticut lands is had.

Notwithstanding Col. Sheldon's Salem vigilance, it would seem that King George's officers sometimes entered our lines within The Oblong. John Rusco had fat cattle and a full cellar, and it is a well certified mention that his Majesty's men knew the way to Rusco Ridge. Two of the family, if no more, discouraged these visits, viz., his daughters Elizabeth and Joanna, who made it convenient to be away from home when the military gentlemen put in an appearance.

Upon the return of the British, in 1777, from Danbury, they, after the encounter at Ridgefield, appear to have divided for a distance, below the latter town, coming together again not far above Wilton Centre and thence proceeding to Compo. The point of separation was probably in the vicinity of "Flat Rock." There seems to have been a strolling party who diverged, at about that point, to the south-west, towards Winnipauk or Rusco's Ridge. A ridge to the east, and separated from the John Rusco height by the old Michael Lockwood mill stream, is Rusco occupied to-day. This ridge runs along the finally decided upon separation line between N. Y. and Conn.





west from the present Lewisboro post-office. Among Abraham and Elizabeth Hayes' children was Mary, who married Hezekiah Raymond, the grandfather of the present Mrs. Gould Rockwell and Mrs. Charles A. Raymond, of Ridgefield, Conn., and Lewisboro, N. Y.

James, the second son of John and Joanna Rusco, lived between his father's house and Vista, and was the father of Stephen Rusco (a shoe manufacturer of Vista), and of James<sup>2d</sup>. (who married Electa, daughter of Silas Brown) whose son, Floyd T., is a member of the mercantile house of The Holmes, Keeler & Selleck Company, of Norwalk; and of Eliza, who married Rumsey Fancher, whose son, Eleazer Lockwood Fancher, is head of the present Fancher & Sons shoe firm of New Canaan.

Joanna, daughter of John and Joanna Rusco, married Michael, son of Michael Lockwood, Sr. Michael Lockwood, Sr., was the son of John Lockwood, who was the grandson of Joseph, brother of Ephraim Lockwood, the Norwalk settler. He lived on the upland between Wilton and The Oblong and carried on milling, making use of the water supplied by the upper stream of the "west branch" of Norwalk river. This interest fell to his son, Michael<sup>2d</sup>, who married Joanna Rusco. Michael<sup>2d</sup>, enlarged his father's plant, and selecting for a home site, a point (to this day distinctly marked) at which the embasoned water could be made to wheel-fall with the greatest force, established a large grinding and sawing industry. He also built a forge further down the stream (not far from the present Grupe reservoir) where he manufactured wrought iron. Here himself and sons built, in addition, a brick-kiln. He was a man of energy and carried on a large business. His children were :

Sally, born 1790; died in infancy.

Sally Jané,<sup>1</sup> born 1792; mar. Stephen, son of Joseph Fayerweather.

Michael<sup>3d</sup>, born 1794; mar. Celina, daughter of Aaron Nash.

Alvah, born 1795; died unmarried.

Eleazer<sup>2</sup>, born 1798; mar. first, Sarah, daughter of Asa Raymond, and second, Mary, daughter of Lewis Coe of Greenbush, N. Y.

<sup>1</sup>Sally Jane, daughter of Michael Lockwood, Jr., married Stephen, son of Joseph and Catharine (Jarvis) Fayerweather. Mrs. Joseph Fayerweather was a niece of Rt. Rev. Abraham Jarvis, second bishop of Connecticut. Jos. Fayerweather bought quite largely of land then looked upon as belonging in Norwalk, but which was afterward set off as a part of New York. His house still stands in Vista, on the north-eastern corner of the Vista and Bald Hill road. Here lived his son Stephen, who had several children, one of whom, Amelia C., has for many years been well-known in Troy, N. Y., and Norwalk, and was a woman of signal strength of mind, an extensive reader and an intelligent and interesting conversationalist. She was formerly associated, as a lay helper, with Rev. Dr. J. Ireland Tucker, Rector of the Church of the Holy Cross, Troy, where she rendered excellent service. She died in the summer of 1896,

and is buried not far from her childhood home in Lewisboro, N. Y. A store was built on the Jos. Fayerweather Salem grounds, which was kept at one time by Isaac Betts, son of Capt. Stephen Betts of Revolutionary Militia fame. The Salem store was at another time kept by Abigail Comstock, who owned the fine old structure, now the home in Vista of his descendants, Mrs. Samuel Comstock and her children. Josiah Thatcher, from ten miles distant Norwalk, had dealings with Mr. Comstock, as did John Cannon and Lemuel Rogers.

<sup>2</sup>Eleazer Lockwood was for years a Southern merchant and railroad contractor. He was South at the time that the two New Canaan St. John brothers, Isaac and David, were there engaged as brokers. After a career of prosperity in that section of the country, he made purchase of a fine property in the suburbs of the city of Troy, N. Y., where he spent



Runa, born 1800; died young and unmarried.

Carmi.

Clarina, married David Dickens<sup>1</sup> of New Canaan.

Smith, died young.

# ASCENDANTS AND DESCENDANTS OF CARMİ LOCKWOOD.

## RUSCO LINE.

Gen. I.—John and Rebecca (Beebe) Rusco.

“ II.—Thomas<sup>1st</sup>. and Abigail Rusco.

“ III.—Thomas<sup>2d</sup>. and Elizabeth (Campfield) Rusco. (so believed.)

“ IV.—John and Joanna (Arnold) Rusco.

“ V.—Michael<sup>2d</sup>. and Joanna (Rusco) Lockwood.

Carmi, son of Michael<sup>2d</sup>. and Joanna Lockwood was a mere youth when he lost his father. He entered upon industrious life with Samuel Davenport, a woolen manufacturer of Norwalk, and anon engaged in operations on a large scale in Hackensack, N. J. He married the youngest daughter of Aaron Keeler<sup>2</sup> of Norwalk, and sister of the Rev. James Keeler. After this he was connected with the Winnipauk Mills and established, later, the Mercantile House headed, of late years, by his son, Edward Keeler Lockwood. He died in 1869, his wife surviving him for seven years. His children were:

Edward; died in infancy.

Charles; died young.

Edward Keeler.

Joanna; “ “

George Carmi<sup>1st</sup>. died Apr. 11, 1866;

Maria; “ “

the remainder of his days, and died leaving a handsome property to his children. His trips to the south and afterward to Troy were sometimes made, overland, by gig or carriage. The Troy drive was also indulged in by the Kelloggs and Streets of Norwalk.

The following was Mr. Lockwood's “rule” for a long trip by wheel: An early breakfast for man and beast; pace-moderation until noon with the exception of a trot-spur at the foot of hills; rest at mid-day; during the afternoon urge the beast until supper, after which rest for the night. The Troy route was divided into some three or four stretches. By his first wife, Mr. Lockwood had Georgiana; Mary Jane; Runa; Maria L.; Eliza Augusta, died early. By his second wife he had Augusta, Josephine and Hattie.

Georgiana, the oldest daughter, married Thaddeus Dusenbury, and had Augusta, Jennie and Mary L. Augusta died in Norwalk, Jan. 23, 1897. Jennie resides in Troy, N. Y., and Mary L. with her mother's cousin, E. K. Lockwood of Norwalk.

Mary Jane, sister of Georgiana Lockwood, married George Chapman of Troy, and her sister, Maria L., married Gardner Barker of Pittsfield, Mass. By second marriage Eleazer Lockwood had Eliza Augus-

ta; Josephine (Mrs. Rev. Dr. Geo. C. Baldwin of Troy); Albert Francis; Hattie F. (Mrs. Irving Johnson of Troy).

The children of Mrs. George Chapman were: Edward H., died young; Sarah Frances, mar. Frank H. Knox.

Gardner and Maria L. Barker's children were: Frances, died young; Charles, a Norwalk school lad; Mary and Edith.

The children of David and Clarina Dickens were Polly, died young; Alva L., married Delia Sherwood; Anna M., who married, as his third wife, Rev. C. M. Williams.

Mrs. Carmi Lockwood, nee Laura Keeler, was a daughter of Aaron and Mercy (James) Keeler, who lived in Upper Winnipauk. Her mother was a daughter of Peter and Mercy James, and a sister of Capt. Daniel James (father of the late Wm. K. James of Wall St., Norwalk.) Capt. Daniel James was a ship-master. He traded with the Southern ports and “berthed” his vessel in Norwalk. He for some time lived, fronting the harbor, on a little hill that commenced its rise at the rear of the present Boston Store.





Edward K., son of Carmi and Laura Lockwood, married Harriet S.,<sup>1</sup> daughter of Orrin and Matilda Warner of East Haddam, Conn.

George Carmi<sup>1st</sup>, son of Carmi and Laura Lockwood, married Sept. 8, 1864, Anna, daughter of L. H. and Anna Lucretia Moore of South Norwalk, and had :

George Carmi<sup>2d</sup>.

George C.<sup>2d</sup>, son of Geo. C<sup>1st</sup> and Anna Lockwood, married April 28, 1892, Rafaele, daughter of Charles and Amanda Burroughs.

#### OF THEOPHILUS RUSCO DESCENT.

Theophilus Rusco<sup>1st</sup>, (son of Thomas<sup>1st</sup> and grandson of John Rusco, the settler,) and wife Mary, seem to have had a son Theophilus<sup>2d</sup>, baptized in New Canaan, Sept. 25, 1743, who married, March 30, 1763, Abigail, born 1742, daughter of Ebenezer and Abigail Bouton of The Oblong. These were the two worthies alluded to in Bolton's History of Westchester County, Vol. I, page 437. Their children were :

Sarah ;

Louis, mar. Andrew Bishop ;

Theophilus<sup>3d</sup>, b. Nov. 28, 1769 ;

Gamaliel, b. 1779, soldier of war of 1812 ;

Dorcas ;

Mary ;

Nancy ;

John ;

Hezekiah, b. July 21, 1782.

Theophilus Rusco<sup>3d</sup>, married, Jan. 1, 1793, Sarah Dean of Ridgefield, who was born April 3, 1763. These had only one child, Ezra, born Oct. 17, 1793, who died April 11, 1809, from the effects of a fall while skating with his father on Lake Kitchawan.

Gamaliel, son of Theophilus Rusco<sup>2d</sup>, had daughters Betsey and Abigail. Abigail married Henry, son of Peter Hoyt of Vista.

Nancy, daughter of Theophilus<sup>2d</sup>, married Simeon Rusco. The two removed to Lake Champlain, and had son John B.

Hezekiah Rusco<sup>3</sup>, son of Theophilus<sup>2d</sup>, married his cousin, Sally Dean. He was the Rusco lad who shot the last panther seen in that once deer and panther frequented portion of The Oblong. His children were Mary Esther, born Sept. 11, 1821, a devoted

<sup>1</sup>She was named for the first wife of the late James Finney, who was a schoolmate of her mother. Mrs. E. K. Lockwood was a gentle but firm and unalterably faithful woman and a leader in the auxilliary enterprises of the parish (St. Paul's, Norwalk,) of which her husband has, since 1884, been junior warden.

<sup>2</sup>Hezekiah and Sally Rusco lived in their forest home on the street west of the Lewisboro and South Salem road. Over a half century ago they sent two of their young children, Harrison and Jeremiah B., to the Vista store to make purchase of family goods. The boys mistook the road and walked some eleven miles to Norwalk. They had not before been far from

home and the little fellows were probably bewildered. Night had overtaken them and they sought refuge in the lumber yard of Wm. K. James. The wearied wanderers fell asleep, and one, Harrison, unbeknown to his brother, fell into the river. Jeremiah awoke and missing his brother gave vent to his grief. The lonely lad was overheard by a passer-by and taken to the home of the benevolent Charles Isaacs. The family in Salem, becoming alarmed at the children's non return, went in search. The boys were traced over Bald Hill and through Wilton to Norwalk. Jeremiah was found in State, now Wall street, and little Harrison's body was taken from the water and



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member, until recently, of St. John's Church, Stamford; Silas B., born March 21, 1823, a vestryman of St. John's parish, Lewishoro, who died unmarried, in 1894; Abigail Ann, born July 28, 1825; Cyrus F., born April 11, 1828; Jeremiah B.; Harrison D.; Nancy N., born 1842, died unmarried.

## OF RUSCO MENTION IN GENERAL.

David, fourth son of John and Joanna Rusco, found his wife in the Rice Hoyt home which stood on the New Canaan and Ridgefield road about one-half mile south of "The Thatcher Hayes corner." The children by this union were:

Harvey; died unmarried.

Orilla; mar. David, son of Eliud and Isabel (Hoyt) DeForest.

Anna; mar. William, son of Silas Brown.

Harriet; mar. Alanson, son of Isaac and Anna Hoyt.

Esther; died unmarried.

Michael; mar. Mary, daughter of Rev. James Brown.

Matilda; mar. Mills Crissey, brother of the late Newton Crissey of Norwalk.

Esther, daughter of John and Joanna Rusco, who married David Weed, lived in Stamford, and had three daughters.

Rachel, daughter of John and Joanna Rusco, who married Benj. Pinney, lived east of Vista, and had David, Caroline and Cordelia.

James Rusco, son of Thomas<sup>2d</sup>, resided with his wife, Jerusha, in New Canaan. Three of his daughters, Jerusha, Jemima and Rebecca are named.

John Rusco, son of Thomas<sup>2d</sup>, has New Canaan registration.

Josiah Rusco, son of Thomas<sup>1st</sup>, and grandson of John Rusco, the settler, married Susannah, daughter of Matthew Seymour<sup>1st</sup>. (See Seymour Lineage).

Samuel Rusco, son of Thomas<sup>1st</sup>, left a widow, Mary. His estate is noted in 1758.

borne to Westchester County for burial. Jeremiah to-day lives at Branchville. He married, June 6, 1869, Julia Ann Cogswell of Pound Ridge, and losing a little one in infancy, adopted a child, William, who married, June 24, 1896, Minerva Alberti, daughter of William A. and Celste Tucker of Bald Hill, Wilton.

Cyrus F. Rusco, son of Hezekiah, married, first, Olive, daughter of Jeremiah Knapp of Pound Ridge, and had: Charles H.; Marjorie V.; George V., died unmarried; Mary E.; Frank; Jeremiah, died unmarried.

Cyrus F. Rusco married, second, the widow Helen Sparks of New York City. There are no Rusco children by this union. Harry Sparks, son, by her first husband, of Mrs. Cyrus Rusco<sup>2d</sup>, married a daughter of the late Ward Raymond of Lewishoro.

He is at present in the employ of the Consolidated Railroad.

Abigail A., daughter of Hezekiah Rusco, married, first, Sylvester Scofield of Darien, and had Levi, Henry, Sarah, Henry and Hezekiah. She married, second, Chauncey Raymond of The Oblong, and third, Sherman Buttery of Silver Mine.

Chas. H., son of Cyrus F. Rusco, married Emma Rich of New York. He is an engineer on the Consolidated Road, and has no children. His sister, Mary Emily, married Thomas Evans of Winnipauk, who has Bertha; Floyd; Arthur and Olive V.

Frank Rusco and his sister Marjorie V., children of Cyrus, are unmarried. Their home is in Lewishoro, N. Y. The two brothers, Charles H. and Frank, reside at no great distance from each other.



In the early years Wilton was Norwalk land

<b>Husband:</b>	<b>John Lockwood</b>
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**Notes**

Deputy for Fairfield, October 1726.

Will, April 5, 1735, proved November 30, 1736, wife Elizabeth, three sons, Joseph, John, and Ephriam (Executors); daughters, Sarah wife of Isaac Brown of Norwalk, Anna Bagley, Grace Williams, Elizabeth Matthews, Susanna Lockwood.

Ephriam, son of John, chose Capt. John Silliman for guardian, December 30, 1736, and Susanna chose Josiah Bagley, July 4, 1737.

A signature of "John Lockwood" is found on a petition to the Church of England, that they be freed from taxes and persecution. He is listed as one of the Vestrymen of Fairfield. Dated May 26, 1729.

**Marriage Information**

Wife:	Elizabeth
Beginning status:	Married

<b>Wife:</b>	<b>Elizabeth</b>
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**Notes**

<b>Child:</b>	<b>John Lockwood</b>
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**Notes**

Will February 13, 1784, proved January 17, 1785; wife, Abigail

Children of Jabez of Fairfield, dec'd

John, Jr.

Children of Ephriam, dec'd

Michael

Gideon

Albert

Samuel

Daus. Anne

Abigail

Mary Mary

Children of Elizabeth, dec'd

Susannah

From Land Records in Fairfield, Vol. 19, p 114, showed a deed dated Jan. 27, 1774 of Ephraim Lockwood, of Fairfield, to JOHN LOCKWOOD of Fairfield, my father, land in Fairfield in Norfield Parish in Beachums and Lockwoods Long Lotts between Saugatuck River and the Third Cross Highway. (His land in Northfield, the present Weston, which is north of old Fairfield and Norwalk)

Will:	February 13, 1784 Proved January 17, 1785
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**Marriage Information**

Wife:	Abigail Morehouse
Married:	February 08, 1730/31
Beginning status:	Married

<b>Child:</b>	<b>Sarah Lockwood</b>
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**Notes**

Burial:	East Kill Cemetery, Jewett, Greene Co., NY
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**Marriage Information**

Husband:	Isaac Brown
Beginning status:	Married

<b>Child:</b>	<b>Anna Lockwood</b>
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Stephen Rusco married, Sept. 29, 1763, Ruth, daughter of Eleazer and Elizabeth Bouton. Mrs. Elizabeth Bouton was a Seymour.

Thos. Rusco, supposed to be son of Thomas<sup>3d</sup>, married Anna Dibble, Feb. 26, 1756. Possibly this is the same Thomas who married, a little later, Elizabeth, daughter of Lemuel and Sarah Raymond.

The late Michael Rusco of Norwalk, son of David, and grandson of John and Joanna Rusco of Rusco Ridge, married Mary, daughter of Rev. James Brown of Salem, and sister of Lucy (Mrs. Isaac Selleck). He had Samuel and Joseph. Joseph married Emma, daughter of Lewis and Anna Fancher and had Frank Rusco, the 1896 Business College principal.

John and Rebecca, the Norwalk Rusco fore-father and mother, were honored ancestors. The old house-lot and home, No. 6, continued for about fifty-five years in the family. The father died without having made a will and the estate was court-inventoried on Nov. 20, 1702. On Feb. 19, 1705, the original home was sold by the heirs to Samuel, the youngest son of Rev. Thos. Hanford, to whom fell his late father's adjoining home property. This extended the Hanford acreage. The Hanford front yard and well are shown to-day, but every vestige of the Hanford Rusco-annex has disappeared by the Consolidated road's changes.

#### HOME-LOT VII.

RALPH KEELER, SR., of Home-Lot No. 7, was born in 1613. He was one of the settlers, in 1639, of Hartford, and appeared in Fairfield in 1645, from whence we find him in Norwalk in 1655. He was twice married. His second wife was Sarah, widow of Henry Whelpley of Fairfield, who had at least two Whelpley children. He had assigned to him the four-and-a-half acre home-lot, the south-west corner of which is occupied to-day by W. S. Hanford of East Norwalk. He retained his original premises until Oct. 21, 1662, when he parted with them, and Richard Raymond became their proprietor. On Sept. 1, 1665, was executed a deed whereby was made over to him the dwelling house, barn and lot that had belonged (see page 39) to Thos. Ward, now the garden land of Wm. H. Earle. Ralph Keeler, Sr., who died in 1672, left four sons, viz.,

RALPH<sup>2d</sup>;

SAMUEL;

JOHN;

JONAS; died unmarried.

Mr. Keeler had, also, four daughters, one of whom married, Nov. 16, 1671, Benj. Turney of Fairfield; another, Rebecca, who married, July 17, 1673, James Pickett; and another, Isabel, who married Thos. Morehouse of Fairfield.

Norwalk and Ridgefield are widely Keeler-spread, and the family's lineal and collateral branches are numerous. The discovery, if ever made, of the first Keeler mother



will be an interesting disclosure. The after generations documentary-attested maternal descent, however, is something of an equivalent for information-loss concerning the senior Mrs. Ralph Keeler.

OF RALPH KEELER, SR., DESCENT THROUGH RALPH KEELER, JR.

Rev. John Davenport, the first minister of the New Haven colony, baptized in the spring (Apr. 5) of 1656, Grace, daughter of Henry Lindall, one of his deacons. Deacon Lindall had a family of seven daughters, four of whom, Mary, Rebecca, Grace and Mercy came. after their father's decease and their mother's second marriage to Nathaniel Richards of Norwalk, with their mother and step-father, to this town and, being young, were a delightful addition to Norwalk society. Mary here became Mrs. John Hoyt, Rebecca, Mrs. John Fitch, Mercy, Mrs. Joseph Ketchum and Grace, Mrs. Ralph Keeler, Jr.

Ralph Jr. and Grace Keeler had a daughter, Sarah, named, probably, for her grandfather Keeler's second wife, who, Dec. 2, 1702, married, for his first wife, Nathan, son of James and Phœbe Barlow Olmsted and grandson of Richard, the Norwalk Olmsted settler. Nathan Olmsted married, second, Mercie, daughter of Christopher Comstock, and had a daughter Mercy, who, by her marriage to her cousin Moses, (see page 83) son of James and Mary Comstock St. John, became the foremother of a numerous Norwalk offspring, and transmitted the oldest of Norwalk blood to the Chichesters, Cunninghams, Merrills and Stevens of the present day, as well as to several of the Betts and Gregory families.

OF RALPH KEELER, SR., DESCENT THROUGH HIS SON JOHN.

John Keeler<sup>1st</sup>, married June 18, 1679, Mehitable, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Weed) Rockwell, and had Daniel, who married Hannah, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Hoyt) Whitney, and a sister of Hezekiah Whitney, the first elected vestryman of the Norwalk St. Paul's parish.

Daniel and Hannah Keeler were residents of New Canaan, where their daughter Hannah married Dec. 29, 1748, Benjamin, son of John and Elizabeth Bolt, the founders of the Norwalk Bolt, Boalt or Boulton family. Some of the most advantageously situated land in New Canaan was Bolt owned, noticeably the acres contiguous to the Congregational Church. Benjamin Bolt ended his days in the extreme northerly section of the town and in a domicile the door-yard plants of which bloom and blossom to this day.

Daniel Keeler made his will Nov. 14, 1764, and it was probated within two months. He will-named five sons, Daniel,<sup>2d</sup>, John, Joseph, Isaiah and Jeremiah, and mentions his daughters, Lydia, Hannah (Mrs. Benj. Bolt), Dorothy (Mrs. Abram Hoyt), Dinah (Mrs. James Campfield) and Elizabeth. His son Daniel,<sup>2d</sup>, born about 1730, married at about twenty-one, and had two sons, Isaac and David, and two daughters, Hannah and Ruhama. Both these sons served their country in the Revolutionary War. They lived at the upper



end of Smith's Ridge,' where now resides the widow of Stephen E. Keeler, who was the grandson of Isaac Keeler and wife Catherine.<sup>2</sup> Mrs. Isaac Keeler, who was a Tuttle, was brought up in what is now "Luke's Woods," a portion of which sylvan stretch, lying between Canaan Ridge and Vista and bordering the New England and Middle States demarkation line, was, in the days of the Tuttles more than now, a cleared and cultivated tract, and remarkable for the purity of its water springs.

OF RALPH KEELER, SR., DESCENT THROUGH HIS SON SAMUEL.

Samuel Keeler<sup>1st</sup> married March 10, 1681-2, Sarah, born Jan. 18, 1659, daughter of Mark and Sarah (Stanley) St. John. These had a son (Samuel<sup>2d</sup>)<sup>3</sup> who married, first, Jan. 18, 1704-5, Rebecca, born 1679, daughter of James and Sarah Benedict, of Danbury, and grand-daughter of Thomas Benedict and John Gregory of Norwalk. Samuel<sup>2d</sup> and Rebecca Keeler had two children, Samuel<sup>3d</sup> and Rebecca, when the mother died, March 20, 1709. Her husband married, second, Dec. 11, 1712, Sarah, born Jan. 22, 1686-7, daughter of Thos.<sup>2d</sup> and Sarah (Marvin) Betts, and had Matthew,<sup>1st</sup> who was born March 14, 1717.

Matthew Keeler<sup>1st</sup> and Sarah, his wife, had Rebecca, who married Feb. 13, 1774, James,<sup>1st</sup> son of John and Ruth (Belden) Seymour. This was a noticeable ancestry-union from the fact not alone of the Keeler, Stanley, St. John, Betts, Marvin, Benedict and

'Smith's Ridge' is one of the sightly summits for which the adjoining town of New Canaan is famous. It derived its name, obviously, from the early Norwalk family of Samuel and Rachel (Marvin) Smith. This branch of the Smith household originally owned a considerable portion of the elevation. One hundred and twenty-five years ago the Lombardy poplar was looked upon with considerable favor in southwestern New England. A quaint ancient Norwalk entry records a provision for the setting out of a "row" of the species near the Norwalk Green. Their remains are still seen in various portions of the country designated. It is ascertained that a poplar-row lined the sides of both "Smith" and its twin "Canaan" heights in that now sister town. The former travel-route from the Oblong to New Canaan was *via* Smith's Ridge, Isaac Richard's cross-road and Enoch St. John's corner down Haynes Ridge. The old-time "Bouton path from Smith's Ridge to the meeting house," however, must, at the south end of the ridge, have deflected from this "way." It was the delight of the southern Isaac St. John children, during their summer visits to the north, to accompany farmer Monroe when he drove the stock from the Samuel St. John home, on Church Hill, up to their great-grandfather Richard's splendid Smith's Ridge meadows. To-day, these same meadows are cedar-overgrown, but in Isaac Richards' time their green,

velvety surfaces were a beautiful landscape feature. The lower end of Smith's Ridge is a view-point at which to tarry. The southerly and southwesterly "scape" from that spot, terminating land, water and sky, in the distant Greenwich pearly-haze, is a "joy forever." "The gods of the hills are not the gods of the valley," wrote Ethan Allen, and if one can stand at the Eliphalet St. John Canoe Hill school-site or on the Frederick Lockwood Brushy Ridge veranda, or the noble-dimensioned Alexander piazza, or the fine Child sunset piazza, or Hollingsworth summit, and remain unimpressed, one must be well nigh color, comprehension and conviction-blind.

<sup>2</sup>Bradley and Edwards Eli Keeler were the only children of Isaac and Catherine (Tuttle) Keeler. Bradley married Polly, daughter of Stephen and Polly Hoyt, (see note page 266) and had Sylvester, Isaac and Stephen Edwards. Sylvester lived west, Isaac in Bridgeport, and Stephen E., who took the grandparents' property on Smith Ridge, married Ann Augusta, daughter of Amos N. and Lucy Ann Raymond, and had Julia Bradley (Mrs. Dr. Willis Cummings); Jane Augusta (Mrs. Corodyne O. Hanford); Polly Hoyt (Mrs. Hiram Wakeman); Stephen Edwards,<sup>1st</sup>; Warner; Stephen Edwards<sup>2d</sup>; Alice Bushnell; and Agnes Brownson (Mrs. Edwin B. Adams).

<sup>3</sup>Samuel Keeler<sup>2d</sup>, son of Samuel<sup>1st</sup>, and Sarah St. John Keeler and grandson of Ralph Keeler, Sr., died





Seymour contribution, but by reason of the Belden blood also, which in this particular Belden family branch involves descent from the New England Footes, Demings and Arms. (See Belden lineage.) Mrs. John Seymour, mother of James<sup>1st</sup>, was a daughter of William and Margaret Arms Belden, and the descent grows in interest from the additional fact that James Seymour<sup>2d</sup>, born March 16, 1775, married Sarah, born July 27, 1778, daughter of Seth and Phœbe (Squires) Raymond. Seth Raymond was a son of Benj. Raymond, whose grandmother was Elizabeth Belden. (See Raymond lineage.) This gives to the children of James Seymour<sup>2d</sup>, viz., Giles, Ira, George, Charles, Harriet, Mary (Mrs. Samuel Aymar) and Ann, a double Foote and Deming claim.

Sarah, a sister of Matthew Keeler<sup>1st</sup>, married John Ray of the old New York Knickerbocker Ray family. The Keeler interest in ancient Norwalk was an important one and the Ray claim (see foot note, page 94) was ably managed. Mrs. Henry Lott, mother of the wife of Rev. Dr. George Warner Nichols of "Waldegrave Cottage" West Avenue, Norwalk, was a Ray representative, and her father, Hon. John Ray, Chancellor, cared for the Ray rights. After the Lott-Ray nuptials the family established themselves in the, at

Aug. 8, 1763, but blood lives and "blood tells." His daughter Hannah, born Oct. 18, 1725, married, Dec. 17, 1751, Nehemiah, son of Thos. Benedict<sup>4th</sup>. Nehemiah and Hannah Benedict had several children, most of whom, Nehemiah, Wm. and Waters, died young. Their daughter Hannah, born Dec. 11, 1759, mar. Oct. 14, 1779, Isaac, born Sept. 15, 1759, son of Samuel and Abigail (Warren) Richards, and grandson of Samuel and Abigail (Peck) Richards.

No better couple than Isaac and Hannah Richards ever. It is probable, dwelt in New Canaan. While these lines are being written their old hearthstone (south end of Smith's Ridge, on road connecting Smith and Haynes Ridges) is fast falling to pieces. Only a "gable" of the building now survives, but the memory of its once living, laboring and loving parents and children is a benediction. As an illustration—in a single direction simply—of Isaac Richards' reliability the following is to the point. He was called, on a certain day, to the coast and knowing the fact a neighbor asked of him a favor, which was with pleasure entertained. Arrived at Darien the pressure of business drove all thought of his neighbor's commission out of Mr. Richards' mind. After returning home and putting out his horse, his duty-neglect occurred to him. It was night, but he at once went to his stable, harnessed his horse anew and started for the shore. His mission accomplished the faithful man rode home, once more put out his beast, exclaiming at the close of his twelve miles' trip, if asked again to do the like my answer will be, "Yes, if I do not forget it." Mr. Richards discharged important trusts to the satisfaction of conscience and of a large constituency. His only daughter, Hannah, married Samuel St. John of New Canaan, of whom it

is sufficient to say that he was the parent of one of that town's noblest of noble sons, the late Professor Samuel St. John, and of the latter's brothers, Wm., Isaac and David, and their sister, Hannah, the wife of the Rev. Theophilus Smith.

Mrs. Isaac Richards<sup>1st</sup> died, Feb. 21, 1786. Her husband married, second, Emma Taylor.

Hannah, daughter of Samuel Keeler<sup>2d</sup>, mother of Mrs. Isaac Richards, had a brother, Matthew Keeler<sup>1st</sup>, eight years older than herself. This Matthew had a son, Isaac, born April 20, 1759, who married, Sept. 26, 1781, Deborah, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Hyatt) Whitney. Isaac and "Aunt Debby" Keeler lived in primitive simplicity, in a house that stood about where stands the Henry P. Price West Avenue residence to-day.

The widow, for nearly a quarter century after her husband's decease, kept up the comfortable old fashioned family "style," and lived to pass her eightieth birthday. Her son, James Harvey Keeler, born July 17, 1801, married, Sept. 9, 1822, Matilda, daughter of Tertullus Stephenson. Seventy odd years ago, the old "Keeler Mill" (Union Manufacturing Co., 1896) was owned by Buckingham Lockwood and William St. John. The same had for many years been Keeler property, but now Messrs. Lockwood and St. John had purchased it and the adjoining land on the north side of the Belden Avenue of to-day as far west as Riverside Avenue. In those days this latter avenue was only a Belden cow path approached by a "pair of bars" at the foot of the modern "Spring Hill." The "mill," in question, was a grist, saw and kiln-drying mill, and "run" during its Lockwood and St. John ownership, by Tertullus Stephenson, who occupied the house at present standing on the north-eastern corner



that day, "Court" vicinity (Bleecker St.) of the city. Leonard Kip was a neighbor and his son, the future California prelate, Wm. Ingraham Kip, was the Ray children's young companion. Mrs. George Warner Nichols, loyal to the memory of her sister (Mr. Richards H. Schell,) caused to be erected, in 1894, a rare "In Memoriam" in the Chapel of Our Holy Saviour, in central Norwalk. Her husband also, at the same time, made valuable donation to said Chapel's crystal embellishment.

Matthew Keeler<sup>2d</sup>, son of Matthew<sup>1st</sup> and brother of Rebecca (Mrs. James Seymour<sup>1st</sup>.) married, Dec. 1769, Anna, daughter of Daniel Benedict, (son of Samuel, and grandson of Thos. Benedict<sup>3d</sup>) and had Samuel, born June 4, 1778, who married, July 29, 1798, Lydia, daughter of Azariah Waterbury of Stamford. This Samuel Keeler was the army officer who, in the war of 1812, marched his command (see foot note, page 42) from New London, Conn., to Detroit, Mich. Samuel and Lydia Keeler's children were Sally Esther, born Feb. 24, 1799, (Mrs. Jonathan Selleck of Troy, N. Y.); Mary Ann, born May 7, 1802, (Mrs. Henry Selleck of Norwalk) and James Stevens Keeler, born May 7, 1804, of Troy, N. Y.

### HOME-LOT VII.

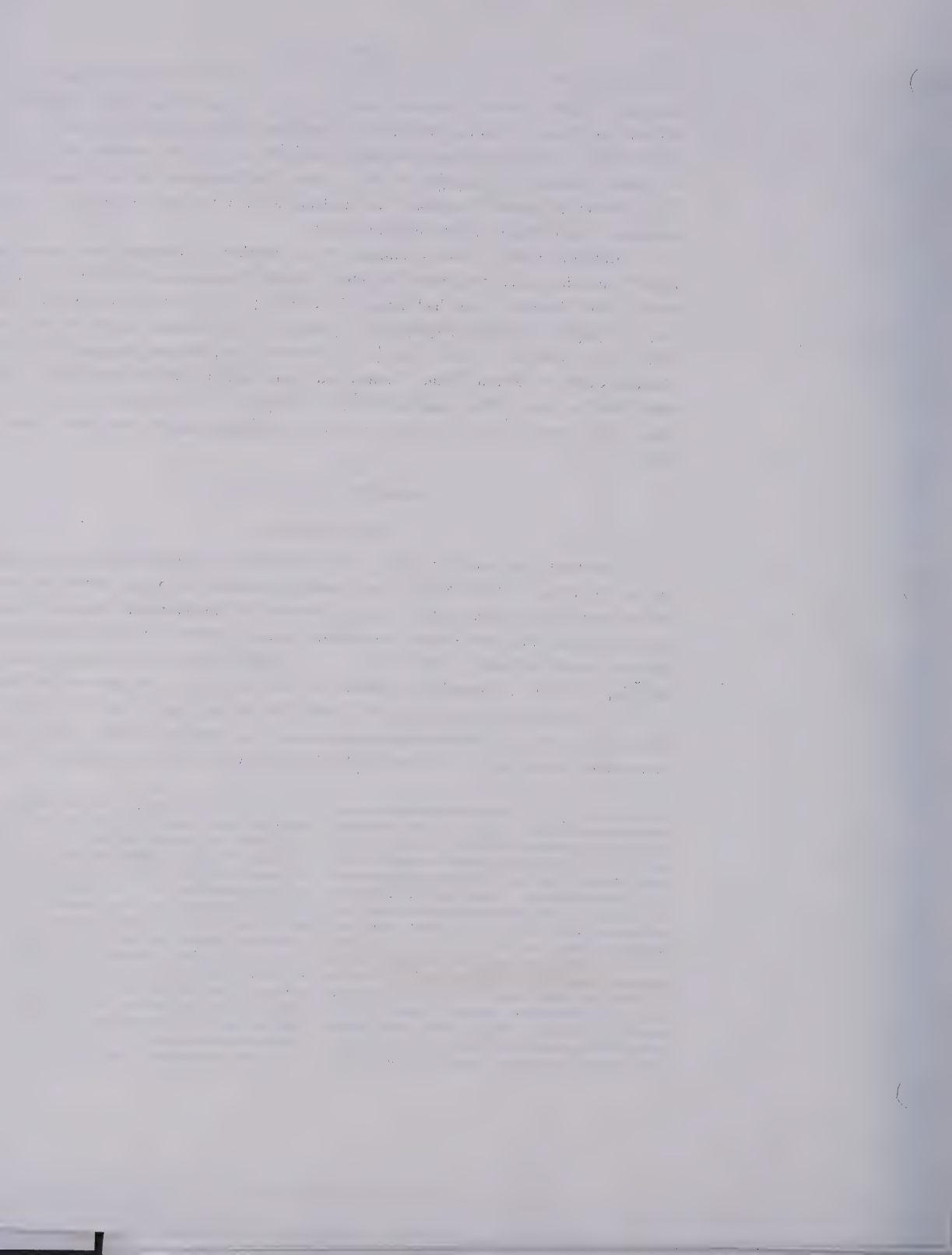
(SECOND OCCUPANT.)

RICHARD RAYMOND of Salem, in the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts Bay, bought, on Oct. 21, 1662, of Ralph Keeler, "my housings contained at present within my home-lot and cow yard, together with all the conveniences and appointments thereunto belonging, as videlicet, the house-floors, doors, glass windows, shelves or ought else that may properly be said to belong to the same, . . . and to frame and erect a new building adjoining the same, clapboarding the sides and ends as high as the upper ways;" for all of which Mr. Raymond was to pay Mr. Keeler the sum of £42. This introduces Capt. Richard Raymond, (who was in Massachusetts as early as 1634,) at Norwalk. He evidently came hither as soon as the reconstructed Keeler house was ready for occupancy. He was

of the lane-way leading, in 1896, from Belden Avenue to the Union Co. office. Here were brought up Mr. Stephenson's four children, David, (formerly proprietor of the Norwalk Hotel,) Morris (latterly of Danbury,) Matilda (Mrs. James H. Keeler) and Antionette (Mrs. Samuel Pennoyer.) Mrs. James H. Keeler was the mother of James, who died unmarried, and Frances E., who married the late Samuel R. P. Camp, and Antionette, who married Edwin, son of Charles Mallory. The Keeler, afterward Lockwood and St. John mill, was burned down about 1727-8. The fire occurred late in the season and some time elapsed before the building was replaced. Upon its restoration by "Governor" Platt of Silver Mine, it was turned into a cotton mill, with a "run of stone" for grist purposes, the original deed of the town to the

Keeler's demanding such a use of the establishment. After the replacement of the structure two Englishmen rented the industry, and one Florence was its manager. Florence occupied the old St. John house that stood in the street (Main Street) somewhere near the present marble works. The "Norwalk Scales" of that day were directly opposite this house on the west side of the street, the mode of weighing by which (sometimes hoisting into the air) was somewhat peculiar. The Keeler-Lockwood mill, afterward "run" by John Arnold, was for years an important local industry. The "Factory Bell," before the advent of steam whistles, was a faithful Norwalk morning monitor, and, like the Anson Quintard noonday horn, a familiar Norwalk memory.

Some of the original "lots" soon changed owners.





a mariner, and did a coasting trade along the Sound and East River as far South as Manhattan Island. His Norwalk life was short, as he left here for Saybrook in 1664, where he died in 1692. At the close of the year 1664, his son John<sup>1st</sup>, who had been his father's Norwalk attendant, married Mary, daughter of Thos. Betts, who himself had only recently arrived in the plantation. John<sup>1st</sup>, who at the time, seems to have been not far from twenty-seven years of age, and Mary, who was about nineteen, took possession of the Raymond home and there founded the Norwalk branch of the family. The old Keeler-Raymond house continued Raymond property until 1699, when it passed into the hands of William Haynes, who occupied it about twelve years. The children of John<sup>1st</sup>, and Mary (Betts) Raymond<sup>1</sup> were :

JOHN<sup>2d</sup>, b. Sep. 9, 1665.

THOMAS, b. 1678.

SAMUEL, b. July 7, 1673.

DANIEL.

HANNAH.

#### OF JOHN RAYMOND<sup>2d</sup>. DESCENT.

John Raymond<sup>2d</sup>, son of John<sup>1st</sup>, married March 7, 1690, Elizabeth St. John. Elizabeth was the daughter of Samuel, who was a son of Matthias St. John, Senior and the settler. Her mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Walter Hoyt, and her father at her marriage, had been six years dead. John and Elizabeth Raymond had six sons and four daughters, (Mary who married Nathaniel Street, Elizabeth who probably died young, Hannah who married Nathaniel Finch<sup>2</sup> and Sarah who married Nathan Burwell.) Their son Jabez, born April 1, 1705, lived to a good age. His will, drawn August 26, 1783, was court-proven August 3, 1789. His wife, Rebecca, born April 9, 1713, daughter of

<sup>1</sup>Horses, as has been elsewhere noted, seem to have been early Norwalk introduced. Of John Raymond<sup>1st</sup>, there is a record that when his first child was two years old (1667) he had "one black horse, one black mare, one Dunnish gray mare and one young colt." The mill at that time had been removed from the lot adjoining Mr. Raymond's premises to the N. W. corner of the present Main and Wall streets, and Norwalk's first Raymond "team" was, it is possible, often seen along the route to the new Whitney mill.

John Raymond<sup>1st</sup>, who came from Saybrook to Norwalk, had a next younger brother, Joshua, who, four years previous to the Norwalk removal of his father and brother John, went to New London where belonged his wife, Elizabeth Smith. Joshua and Elizabeth's oldest son, Joshua<sup>2d</sup>, married in the spring of 1683, Mercy, daughter of Capt. James Sands or Sands of Block Island, of which sea-girt territory the captain, in 1660, had been one of the purchasers. Joshua<sup>3d</sup>, the second son of Joshua<sup>2d</sup>, and Mercy, married on the last day of the summer of 1719, Elizabeth Christophers, and their daughter Eliza-

beth married in 1736 Oliver Hazzard, of Rhode Island. Oliver and Elizabeth (Raymond) Hazzard had a daughter Mercy who married Judge Freeman Perry, of South Kingston, R. I., and these were the parents of the veteran Commodore Christopher Raymond Perry, who was the parent of Commodore Oliver Hazzard Perry of Lake Erie fame, and of Capt. Raymond H. J. Perry who commanded one of the vessels of Commodore McDonough's Lake Champlain squadron, and of Commodore M. C. Perry, who opened the ports of Japan to the world, and of Lieut. James Alexander Perry who was a midshipman before he was twelve years old, and who, serving as his brother's aide on Lake Erie, was wounded while in the small boat that was sent from the Lawrence to the Niagara with word to bring up this ship into battle line. This was the youth, drowned at barely twenty years of age, in bravely saving the life of another, to whom the United States Congress voted a sword. A truly admirable descent from one of Norwalk's Home-Lot VII occupants.

Admiral Francis Hoyt Gregory of Norwalk, stood

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Samuel and Rebecca Platt, evidently survived him but a few months as her estate was inventoried March 26, 1790. The heirs of Jabez and Rebecca Raymond were their son Josiah and the children of their deceased daughter Ann, (wife of Samuel, son of John Platt<sup>3d</sup>.) They appear to have lost an unmarried daughter, Hannah, in 1770.

Josiah<sup>1st</sup> son of Jabez and Rebecca Raymond, married, Nov. 5, 1765, Molly Merwine. She was from Greenfield Hill and belonged originally, it seems, to the New Haven family of that name. She, albeit but eighteen years of age, brought with her to her Norwalk married home (later the Geo. A. Raymond property in the rear of the Eli B. Bennett East avenue home) several of the Greenfield slaves who worked in and out doors and were a domestic power. It sometimes happened, not unnaturally, that the Raymond children, after having been sent to early bed, would indulge in a little before sleep "fun," but "Chloe" was depended upon to see that the "up stairs" peace was preserved. Of the boys, Thomas, Platt, Merwine, Josiah Jr. and Jabez, were born in the old pre-Tryon house which stood a little south of the yet standing Geo. A. Raymond home and which was close by (opposite side of street) the house of Capt. Samuel Jarvis, in which was born the second bishop of Connecticut, Rt. Rev. Abraham Jarvis. Geo. A., the youngest son of Josiah<sup>1st</sup> and Molly Raymond, and whose old time methods are unforgotten, was not born until six years after the town's conflagration. He married Pamela Banks, of **Greens Farms** (a sister of a true Norwalk mother, Mrs. John L. Smith) and the two lived in the rebuilt house which is still in existence. Thomas, the oldest son of Josiah<sup>1st</sup>, took his bride (Eunice Meeker) from his mother's Greenfield vicinity, and was the father of William Raymond, one of whose sons, Thomas I, now resides in West Street, South Norwalk.

godfather for one of old Commodore Christopher Raymond Perry's grand-children, Capt. Geo. W. Rogers, U. S. N., who was killed in the Civil War. Commodore McDonough's sons were educated in Norwalk. The Norwalk affinity to the Sands-Raymond-Perry connection (an honorable relationship) is thus traced. Capt. John Sands, son of Capt. James and Ann (Palmer) Sands of Block Island (1660), married Sybil, daughter of Simon Ray of Block Island. In 1696 Capt. John removed to Long Island and established himself at the famous neck, named for him, Sands Point. One of Capt. John's daughters, Abigail, married Hon. John Thomas, the first Judge of Westchester county, and Capt. John's nephew, Samuel Sands, married Mary Pell, of the Manor of Pelham. Capt. John Sands had a brother Samuel, and the two brothers (sons of Captain James) married two Ray sisters. Mary Sands, daughter of Capt. John, married, Dec. 1710, at Jamaica, L. I., as his second wife, Nathan Selleck, son of Jonathan and Abigail (Gold) Selleck of Stamford. Nathan Selleck was named for his grandfather, Hon. Nathan Gold, of Fairfield, the purchaser of the splendid Roger Ludlow American estate. The first wife of Nathan Sel-

leck was Susanna, only child of William Hooker, of Farmington, Conn. She was married to Mr. Selleck on Aug. 12, 1708, at only eighteen years of age. She died Oct. 5, 1709, leaving one child, Susanna, born Sep. 3, 1709. This child grew to become the wife of Joseph St. John and hence the ancestress of the Norwalk Buckingham St. John, Buckingham Lockwood and Isaac Scudder Isaacs children's blood.

Her father, married second, Mary Sands, who, as was the case with Mr. Selleck's first wife (Susanna Hooker) lived only a short time. She died July 13, 1712, and her husband married her cousin Sarah Sands, (daughter of Samuel Sands). There were nine children by this union. (See Selleck lineage).

The present West street in South Norwalk may with propriety be designated AN HONOR-WAY. As early as 1641 Andrew Ward and Francis Bell picked out their way over it en route to and from Stamford and New Haven. A portion of the activity was first called "Campfield's Hill" from the fact that Samuel, son of Matthew Campfield (King Charles 1662 charter nominee), and a grandson of Sarah, sister of Gov. Robert Treat, planted one (probably the first) of its hearthstones. Madam Knight, in her memorable trip



Platt Raymond, another son of Josiah<sup>1st</sup>, married Hannah Benedict, and was the parent of Lewis, the father of the present Mrs. Chas. Ambler and her sister of Hurlburt St., Wilton. Merwine, next brother of Thos. and Platt, married Phoebe, daughter of Stephen Marvin who was an influential churchman in the war days of the last century. Josiah<sup>2d</sup>, still another son of Josiah<sup>1st</sup>, married Clara Mott. The bride, while a maiden, lived with her father and mother, who were from New York, on what is to-day known as Harbor avenue and south of the ancient Dr. Bryan place. After marrying, Josiah<sup>2d</sup> made his home for a season at his father's, and then on the Rev. Thomas Hanford's premises (S. W. corner, 1896, of East avenue and Fort Point street.) Himself and wife here awaited the building of their new home, where, in recent years, dwelt their son Rufus. Mrs. Raymond, a woman of energy and business ways, was a help-meet to her husband who was a just man and of unswerving principle. The report made to him to the effect that the produce sent, on one occasion, to the New York market, had exceeded the quantity "billed," gratified him. This, surplus rather than struck measure, was the measure of the man. His children were Amanda (Mrs. William Marvin); Rufus and Harriet (Mrs. Enos Osborn.) His brother Jabez, who was two months to a day old when Norwalk was burned, married Sarah, daughter of Timothy and grand-daughter of Gov. Thomas Fitch. This staunch couple had a Strawberry Hill home where now resides the widow of the late Walter T. Gray, and the hospitality such as was there dispensed is a rarity. Could the to this day standing walls of the Jabez and Sally Raymond hearthstone speak they would be vocal with the recital of

of 1704, ascended and descended it, Paul Revere climbed it, John Adams wheeled over it, Benjamin Franklin traversed it, Gov. William Tryon was familiar with it, George and Martha Washington and Parke and Eleanor Custis rode along it and Dr. Timothy Dwight and "Prince de Benevento," (Charles Maurice Talleyrand\*) trotted, presumably, over it, either a little before or after the great couple had morning-met in the identical old fashioned New England inn still preserved by Col. Alexander Nichols and forming a part of his fine Greenfield Hill establishment. The street in question (West street) is also an annals-shrine because that near where now stands the new Raymond residence was formed a 1779 Sunday morning sort of "hollow square" for the purpose of concealing British intermediate operations. This storied upland, *Cam de Phila*—claimed to be the primitive of the Norwalk proper noun, Campfield, and to be the ancient appellation of the country adjacent to the site of the University of Oxford—merits, in some of its hill parts, Campfield name perpetuation.

Merwine and Phæbe Raymond were the parents of

a quartette of sturdy, sensible Norwalk sons, viz., Stephen, Josiah, Marvin and Thomas M. Stephen married Amelia, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Cannon) Fitch, and lived in the house erected by his father-in-law and now occupied by his son-in-law, Oscar W. Raymond. Josiah, who lived in Westport, married Abigail, daughter of Ebenezer Crofoot of Silver Mine, and sister of the mother of the late Wm. G. Thomas of East Avenue. Marvin married, May 3, 1831, Laura Morehouse and brought up a large family in Silver Mine. Thomas M. was twice married and lived on Belden Hill.

Jonathan Fitch, the father-in-law of Stephen, son of Merwine and Phæbe Raymond, was the son of Daniel who was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Fitch. This Daniel Fitch had three sons, Jonathan, Samuel M. and Henry, and one daughter, Rebecca, who married Henry Betts and was the mother of Daniel Fitch Betts and his sisters Rebecca (Mrs. Charles Isaacs,) Susan (Mrs. Thomas Benedict,) Harriet (Mrs. Thomas C. Hanford,) Henrietta, (Mrs. Charles Mallory.

\*A Norwalk school lad, afterward a Wall street New York City banker, and subsequently an Italian author, Charles Fiske Bound, cousin of the historian and Harvard professor, John Fiske, made his way, by being let through the floor of the old convent in the province of La Touraine, France, to the tomb

of the renowned "Abbe," "Agent general," "Bishop of Autun" and "Prince" Talleyrand, who, three years before his visit, in 1794, to the United States, declined nomination for the Archbishopric of Paris. The province in which the remains of Talleyrand repose is distinguished for the purity of its dialect.





the social comfort that therein reigned and especially at the close of the father and mother's lives, when the N. Y. and N. H. Railroad contractors or their coadjutors were there welcomed at the time of the construction of said road and after the diligent efforts in its interests on the part of Dea. Algernon E. Beard, who had more or less to do in the matter of the Norwalk "right of way" thoroughfare purchase.'

#### ASCENDANTS OF HON. HENRY J. RAYMOND.

Founder of the *New York Times*.

- Gen. I.—Richard Raymond the settler.
- " II.—John and Mary (Betts) Raymond.
- " III.—Samuel and Judith (Palmer) Raymond.
- " IV.—Joshua and Elizabeth (Fitch) Raymond.
- " V.—Uriah and Sarah (Paddock) Raymond.
- " VI.—Jonathan P. and Hannah (Jarvis) Raymond.
- " VII.—Jarvis and Lavinia (Brockway) Raymond.
- " VIII.—Hon. Henry Jarvis Raymond.

Henry J. Raymond, of generation VIII, as above, and born Jan. 24, 1820, was one of the typically talented men of the middle nineteenth century. He was also a man of indomitable industry and a writer and editor of great distinction. His Norwalk great-grandfather, Uriah, was born after the decease of said Uriah's father, Joshua. Joshua Raymond's wife, Elizabeth Fitch, was the only sister of Gov. Thomas Fitch. After she had given birth to Uriah Raymond (great-grandfather of Henry J.) she married, as his second wife, Rev. Elisha Kent, the grandfather of Chancellor James Kent. H. J. Raymond's Betts foremother (generation II) was the daughter of Thomas Betts of Guilford and Norwalk.

The Palmer blood, introduced in the third Henry J. Raymond generation, is that of Ephraim Palmer of Greenwich.

#### RAYMOND AND HOYT PEDIGREE

OF THE

#### SENATOR AND SOLDIER JOHN AND WILLIAM T. SHERMAN.

John<sup>1st</sup>, son of Richard and Judith Raymond, married, Dec. 10, 1664, Mary, daughter of Thomas Betts<sup>1st</sup>, and had Samuel, born July 7, 1673, who married April 1, 1695, Judith daughter of Ephraim Palmer of Greenwich. The oldest son, Samuel<sup>2d</sup>, born

<sup>1</sup>People in the days when the N. Y. and N. H. Railroad was first projected were but imperfectly developed railway wise. The late Morris Ketchum made, at that time, an appointment to meet the citizens of Norwalk with reference to the route, through

this town, of the contemplated thoroughfare, but was greeted by a very small representation. A. E. Beard of South Norwalk, however, was one of the number who foresaw the future of the new enterprise.



May 7, 1699, of Samuel<sup>1st</sup> and Judith Raymond, married about 1719, Elizabeth, second daughter of Joseph and Sarah Hoyt. Samuel<sup>1st</sup> and Elizabeth Raymond had born Feb. 20, 1720, a son, Eliakim, who married, Nov. 27, 1740, Hannah, born Sep. 5, 1722, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Raymond) Street. Eliakim and Hannah Raymond had a daughter Mary, born May 13, 1755, who married June 30, 1776, Isaac, born 1754, son of James and Hannah (Gould) Hoyt. Isaac and Mary Hoyt lived in a house that stood a little west of the new Congregational Church in South Norwalk. These had a daughter, Mary, born Dec. 28, 1787, who married in May 1810, Charles Robert, born Sep. 26, 1788, son of Taylor (and Elizabeth) Sherman, the Norwalk lawyer. Charles R. and Mary Sherman, the one from upper and the other from lower (now South) Norwalk, moved to Ohio and were the parents of Hon. John and Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman.

Eliakim and Hannah Raymond, the parents of Mrs. Isaac Hoyt, of "Old Well," were remarkable progenitors. Their daughter was, as has been seen, the grandmother of the two distinguished Shermans. Their daughter Esther, born Feb. 11, 1757, married Hezekiah Rogers, who belonged to a family of note. A portion of his later life was spent in Washington, D. C., where he died in 1812. His Norwalk home adjoined the Shermans,



THE SHERMAN HOUSE.

on the present Main Street. The tea parties given in that house are referred to in a foot note, page 42. Mr. Rogers was of the Norwalk branch of the Rogers family repre-

The Sherman house, still in existence, on Main street, had two fac-similes within the bounds of earlier Norwalk. The present "Gibbs" house (before it was altered) in Knight street and the Marvin house near Cannons station in Wilton, were of like pattern of Taylor and afterward Charles R. Sherman's home shown in the above engraving. When Charles R. Sherman left for the west a concourse of people gath-

ered to witness the departure from the old place. The father had been a genial social figure and the mother was from a highly regarded "Old Well" family. A few rods from Mr. Sherman's stood, as is seen to-day, the house on the N. W. corner of the present North avenue and Camp street. Samuel Jarvis Camp there taught the Norwalk youth of the period music, and his rooms were the scene, every





sented by the Moses Rogers brothers, (see Rogers lineage) old-time merchantmen of New York.

Elizabeth, born Dec. 20, 1743, an older daughter of Eliakim and Hannah Raymond, married Uriah Rogers, Jr., M. D., son of the renowned Uriah, Sr., M. D., whose home-lot was the site of the residence of the late Mrs. James Mallory, and who was grandfather of Chancellor James Kent. Elizabeth and her accomplished partner, Dr. Rogers, Jr., sleep side by side in two of the graves on Town House Hill. The marble which marks her own mound is fast becoming inscription-obliterated, but the memory of her family will last.

Still another daughter of Eliakim and Hannah Raymond, Hannah, born Dec. 1745, married Sept. 19, 1764, Lemuel Brooks, who lived in what was anciently called "The Village," a hamlet not a great distance from "Stuart's Landing," and between "Old Well" and "Belden's Point." Anna, daughter of Lemuel Brooks, married Dec. 29, 1796, Dr. Phineas Miller of (North Avenue 1896) Norwalk. These had Charles, born Aug. 27, 1797, and Mary Ann, born Feb. 23, 1802. The last child, Mary Ann, never married. She was a resident of New Haven, but in later years, and until her death some few years since, has been a visitor at the home of Mrs. Mary (Bissell) Betts on The Green.

Sands Raymond, brother of Eliakim and Hannah Raymond, removed, as did the Browns and Isaacs before him, to that part of The Oblong, known as Lower Salem. His son Asa, born Feb. 20, 1770, there married Sally Northrup, and was the father of Asa N. Raymond, born May 31, 1801, who married, Oct. 19, 1826, Lucy Ann Abbott, born April 11, 1807. These good people, who were intimately identified with the interests of St. John's Church, Salem, now rest within a few rods of the stone church in South Salem. Mrs. Asa N. Raymond long survived her husband. She was a woman of unusual energy, and after a life of purpose comfortably ended her days in the commodious home of her daughter, Mrs. Stephen E. Keeler of Smith's Ridge, New Canaan. Another daughter of Amos N. Raymond married Thomas Cole of Troy, N. Y., and another, William Lockwood of New Canaan, whose widow resides in the fine lawn-skirting home on the New Canaan and Bedford highway. A fourth Asa N. Raymond daughter is the present widow of Seeley Brown of N. Y., and the youngest is Mrs. Gardner Kellogg of South Salem. These five sisters had four brothers, Ward, who married Melissa Jane Austin; Charles Asa, who married Mary Denman; Amos, who was A. T. Stewart-associated and who died whilst making a tour of Switzerland and Seth who lives in Stamford.

Samuel O. Raymond, another son of Sands, married Deborah, daughter of Cornelius and Rebecca (Dann) Canfield, and had Ebenezer Wilson, born July 14, 1822, who married Betsey I. Tuttle, who now survives him. E. W. Raymond was for many years the staunch

now and then, of evening "practising." Hither Mr. Sherman, accompanied by his less than six months younger companion, Thaddeus (United States Senator) Betts would occasionally repair for a little "singing school" enlivenment. The Sherman's—father

and son—were valued Norwalk adopted citizens, and when the parent of the future soldier son, WILLIAM TECUMSEH, came to "break up and pack up" for Ohio the Sherman "prairie schooner" with its honored burden received from far and near a regretful adieu.



supporter and faithful senior warden of St. John's Church, Salem, and its Chapel, St. Paul's Lewishoro. His decease, (the week before Easter) 1894, was a great loss to the parish.

Eliakim Raymond, the grandfather of Gen. Sherman's mother, had a brother, Samuel, four years younger than himself. This Samuel married Abigail, daughter of David<sup>1</sup> and Abigail Bates of Stamford, who had a son, Samuel, Jr., born on New Year's day, 1752. Capt. Samuel Raymond lived, as did his second cousin, an active patriot, James Raymond,<sup>2</sup> in Bedford, N. Y., and had a son, Munson G., born Sept. 26, 1777. This son married Sally Smith of Stamford, and was the father of the late widely-respected Charles F. Raymond of Knight Street.

Mr. C. F. Raymond married, May 16, 1826, Charlotte, daughter of Jeremiah and Charlotte (Benedict) Camp.

Jeremiah Camp, born Sept. 16, 1781, was a son of Richard and Anna (Coe) Camp and a grandson of Jonathan and Ann (Platt) Camp. He was of direct descent, through his great grandmother Esther, from Thomas Buckingham, the American ancestor of that name, and his wife, through her grandmother Fitch, was of the lineage of Wm. Haynes of Haynes Ridge. The children of C. F. and Charlotte Raymond were :

Charlotte.	Harriet N.
Munson J.; died young.	Cornelia Isabelle; mar. D. Seymour Curtis.
Frances A., mar. Walter B. Hoyt.	Charles. M.
Emily Augusta, mar. A. H. Keith.	

Eliakim Raymond of the preceeding paragraphs, had two brothers, Samuel and Sands, and three sisters, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Ann. After the birth of the last child, Ann, the mother died, and the father, Samuel, married, second, Mary Kitto. There was now a daughter Ruth, born in 1732, who married, in 1751, Nathaniel Sears. Mr. Sears lived only about two years and his widow married, Nov. 1755, second, Ebenezer Church<sup>1st</sup>, the parent by his first wife (Susanna Fitch) of Daniel, born March 1, 1746, and Richard, born Oct. 1747; and by his second wife (Widow Sears) of ten children.<sup>3</sup> See Church lineage.

<sup>1</sup>David Bates, born May 23, 1702, appears to have been the son of John and Elizabeth Bates, and Mrs. Elizabeth Bates to have been the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Lockwood of Stamford.

<sup>2</sup>James Raymond of Bedford was the son of Joshua and Elizabeth Fitch Raymond, and consequently a nephew of Gov. Thos. Fitch. He married Susannah, daughter of Moses and Mercy St. John of Norwalk. Mrs. Raymond's brothers, James and Moses St. John, were Bedford residents, also.

<sup>3</sup>Ebenezer Church<sup>1st</sup> built and occupied the house, on the Westport Road, which still bears his name. He was a hatter, and his shop was at the east end of his premises on the "North Brook." It is said that after the burning of the town by Tryon, Mrs. Gov. Fitch, who was aunt to the first Mrs.

Ebenezer Church, found temporary shelter in this shop. The Ebenezer Church premises were set on fire by the British soldiers, but said men being in haste, left the spot as soon as the torch was applied, and the house was saved.

The second Mrs. Ebenezer Church<sup>1st</sup> (Mrs. Ruth Sears) had a son Thatcher Sears, who went finally to reside in the province of New Brunswick. There he had three sons, the oldest of whom, Robert, was the publisher of "Sears' Illustrated Bible." Robert Sears took pleasure in visiting his Norwalk relatives and in corresponding with, particularly, the late Miss Mary Church of the Westport Road.

In the old home that stood a few rods directly east of the Ebenezer Church place lived, years ago, "Billy Button," an honest, hard working, saving man



## ASCENDANTS AND DESCENDANTS OF ELBIRT A. RAYMOND.

Upon the first preserved record made, it is probable in 1672, of the youth of Norwalk, John Raymond is registered as having one child. This child, John<sup>2d</sup>, and at that date about seven years old, had, up to this time, probably been educated by his mother, Mary, the daughter of settler Thomas Betts. The lad ranged the homestead grounds near the East Norwalk school of to-day and grew to be a citizen of consequence. His name is affixed to many an old record and he acquired large possessions. At the age of twenty-five he married into the St. John family, and in the beginning of the eighteenth century his wife bore him a son who was named Lemuel. At the age of twenty-eight, Lemuel Raymond married Sarah Squires, and made New Canaan his home. The first child born to this pair became the owner of large tracts upon the slightly heights known to Norwalk's first settlers under the name of "Canaan Ridge," but familiar to us as the high ground next north of Haynes Ridge, the seat of the Brinkerhoff, Abbot and contemplated Harlingworth residences. This son's name was Luke, and the forest between Lewisboro and New Canaan, now known as Luke's Woods, perpetuates the name. In 1765, Luke Raymond married a sister of the Revolutionary veteran, Capt. Stephen Betts, and had a son called for his grandfather Squire. This son, born six years before Norwalk was burned, was the father of the late Elbirt A. Raymond of Norwalk. Squire Raymond brought up his family in the Raymond home some two miles northwest of New Canaan village. His son Elbirt A. removed, in 1845, to Norwalk and his grandson, George H., is a merchant in this town. The family genealogy stands :

- Gen. I.—Richard Raymond.
- " II.—John and Mary (Betts) Raymond.
- " III.—John and Elizabeth (St. John) Raymond.
- " IV.—Lemuel and Sarah (Squires) Raymond.
- " V.—Luke and Lydia (Betts) Raymond.
- " VI.—Squire and Sarah (Seeley) Raymond.
- " VII.—Elbirt A. and Mary (Pryer) Raymond.

Elbirt A. Raymond married Mary Pryer, Oct. 21, 1838, and had :

Marcellus, born Aug. 6, 1839; died in infancy.	George H.
Cornelia.	Elbirt H.

who afterward died in Witton. "Billy" kept his earnings, which eventually amounted to a handsome sum, in a chimney oven belonging to this ancient building, and when the old State Banks were merged into National Banks, the owner of the hoarded treasurer was with difficulty prevailed upon to so exchange his funds. These were afterward deposited in the Savings Bank.

Elbirt A. Raymond's grandmother, Lydia, was a sister of Capt. Stephen Betts of militia fame in Gen. Tryon's day. Lydia was married when her soldier brother was only nine years old. This brother afterward resided on Canaan Ridge, in the now reconstructed house occupied by the Sellecks, on the east side of said height and not far from the summer residence of Dr. Chas. R. Abbott. Mr. Raymond's





George H., son of Elbirt A. and Mary Raymond, married April 20, 1864, Margaret, daughter of David and Mary (King) Whitehead, and had :

LeGrand;

Cornelia M.;

David Whitehead.

Mary E., daughter of Elbirt and Mary Raymond, married, Dec. 16, 1884, Charles E., son of George and Sarah Jane Barrett, and had : Raymond D.; Ralph; an infant.

Elbirt H., son of Elbirt A. and Mary Raymond, married July 22, 1890, Minnie, daughter of Franklin and Jeanette (Fillow) Gregory.

LeGrand, son of George H. and Margaret Raymond, married, Feb. 7, 1895, Sally Nelson, daughter of James Hezron and Mary (Nelson) Ayres.

David W. son of Geo. H. and Margaret Raymond, married, Nov. 11, 1896, Alice G., daughter of Jacob M. and Mary Augusta (Gardner) Layton.

#### SHERMAN SEQUEL-STORY OF A NORWALK TOMB-STONE.

At the time of the Ludlow-Mahackemo treaty, several remarkable pilgrims plodded through this town's wilderness and made their tangled way over the thickly bramble-strown hill now known as West Street, South Norwalk. Two of the adventurers, one scheduled and the other actual, hailed from Wethersfield and were bound for Stamford. One, John Nott, was the progenitor of the later Dr. Eliphalet Nott, President of Union College and grandfather of Henry C. Potter, D.D., LL.D., D.C.L., the Bishop of New York, and the other, Samuel Sherman, was the ancestor of the subject of this mention.

Samuel Sherman, a Dedham youth of twenty-four, when, in 1640-1, he made his way up the future Norwalk rise, was well connected, and his English wife was the sister of a Harvard scholar who kept his college diary in Latin, Jonathan Mitchell, minister of Cambridge, Mass. During the winter in which the settlers were clearing the Norwalk woods, there was born in Stamford, to Hon. Samuel and Sarah Sherman, a son to whom was given the name of the lad's uncle, Rev. John Sherman. This boy, John<sup>2d</sup>, born Feb. 8, 1650-1, went to Woodbury, Conn., where at length his name was "Hon." prefixed. He lived to pass eighty winters of life and left at his death, Dec. 13, 1730, a son, John<sup>3d</sup>, who had been baptized in June, 1687. John<sup>3d</sup> married, July 22, 1714, Emma Preston, sister of

earliest Betts foremother was born in 1646 in Guilford, and was the daughter of Thos. Betts, the first of the name in Norwalk. Mrs. Elbirt A. Raymond, born June 12, 1817, was a daughter of Marcellus and Mary (Ingilis) Pryer. The Pryers came from Holland in 1674 and went, first, to Bergen Co., N. J. Thos. and Marguerite Pryer were the fore-parents. These had Andreas, who had Casparus<sup>1st</sup>, who had Casparus<sup>2d</sup>, who had Marcellus, who was the father of Mrs. E. A. Raymond. Mrs. Raymond's sister, Hannah, married Alonzo Nickerson, a well-known Norwalk artizan, whose son, Jasper P., was of the 1896 grocery firm of Nickerson & Betts. Jasper Pryer, born March 23,

1826, a younger brother of Mrs. E. A. Raymond, married, Jan. 28, 1849, Ann Elizabeth, born Feb. 9, 1832, daughter of the late Henry Kellogg of Belden Avenue, whose wife (Currence Bundy) was a ministering daughter of mercy. Henry Kellogg was of Long Island Kellogg stock. The children of Jasper and Ann Elizabeth (Kellogg) Pryer were: Henry Marcellus, born March 19, 1850, died 1855; William Augustus, born March 9, 1852, married Mabel LaDue; Emma Josephine, born March 17, 1854, married Frank Sutherland Fancher; Jessie Amelia, born Jan. 15, 1858, married Frank A. Camp; Hattie B., born Aug. 30, 1864, married Edgar Fremont Fancher.



Mrs. Josiah Gregory of Danbury, of the old Gregory family of Norwalk. John<sup>2d</sup>. and Emma Sherman had a son, Daniel, born Aug. 14, 1721, who was a barrister and rose to the Judge's bench. He had married Mindwell Taylor, whom the wife of President Porter of Yale College, (herself a Taylor) inclines to claim as a Norwalk Taylor. The sixth child of Judge Daniel and Mindwell Sherman was Hon. Taylor Sherman, (father of Hon. Charles R., and grandfather of U. S. Senator, the Hon. John Sherman,) the Norwalk lawyer and the occupant of the grave marked by the granite, standing in 1896, in the Town House Hill Cemetery. Judge Taylor Sherman was, in his day, one of the strong, legal lights of Fairfield County.



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"The Bridge," (at which point it had been pre-arranged to join the Garth and Tryon forces) the premises might in the moment's disaster-dilemma, have been overlooked. This was the olden-time residence of Isaac and Mary (Raymond) Hoyt and the child and maiden-hood home of their daughter, Mary, the mother of two of this nation's renowned sons, the living Hon. John Sherman, U. S. Senate, and the deceased Major-General William Tecumseh Sherman, U. S. Army. Mary Hoyt (Mrs. Charles R. Sherman,) born Dec. 28, 1787, transmitted to at least one of her children, William T., the strong facial



## HOME-LOT VIII.

**Rev. Thomas Hanford**, of Home Lot, No. 8, was Norwalk's pastor-primus, and one of the notable divines of his day. He was born in England in 1621, and belonged to a family of ancient and honorable name. The following extract from Breton's "Beauties of England and Wales," dated London, 1811, will give some idea of the British Hanford House :

"Wollas-Hall, the seat of the Hanford family since 1536, stands on the north side of Bredon Hill at about one third of its ascent from the vale of Eversham, and the whole estate, with the part of Breedon Hill, upon which it is situated, is called Wooler's Hill, a name given to it about the time of the Conquest from the great number of wolves that infested the country at that time. It is at present the seat of Charles Hanford, Esq., the first of whose ancestors in possession of it was a son of Sir John Hanford, K't., who purchased it from the great Lord Burleigh in the early part of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, since which time it has come in an unbroken line of descent to its present possessor. The porch has the family motto, "Memorare Novissima," cut in the stone over the entrance door with the date 1611 answering to the early part of the reign of James the First, but the greater part of the building is of much older date. The mansion is built of an excellent hard stone, harder than Portland and darker in color, but what is curious to observe that none like it is found in the neighborhood. This is a great subject of regret, for time has no other effect upon it than to give it a venerable appearance, while the protruberances and edges of the stone are as sharp as when first cut. The great hall, which has a screen and music-gallery, like that

Hoyt resemblance. Quiet countenance, firmness as well as perfect demeanor-poise were characteristics of Mary's brother (Charles) who was a central figure in a beautiful Norwalk ceremony, viz., his bridal, by Bishop McIlvaine of Ohio, to a daughter of Ebenezer D. Hoyt of Main Street. The Raymond aunts of Mrs. Charles R. Sherman were the maternal heads of Norwalk remark-families of days past. One of these aunts, Esther (Mrs. Hezekiah Rogers,) a social spirit, lived next door neighbor to the Shermans. Another, Elizabeth, was the wife of the notable Dr. Uriah Rogers, Jr., and another, Hannah, married Lemuel Brooks, M. D., of Norwalk. These three sisters were the grand-daughters of Nathaniel Street, who was the grandson of Rev. Samuel and Anna (daughter of Hon. Richard Miles of New Haven) Street. The interesting claim\* is made that the mother of Rev. Samuel Street, and consequently the foremother of all the Norwalk Streets and many of the Norwalk Raymonds, was a sister of the New England pioneeress, Miss Elizabeth Pool, whose memorial at the entrance of Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Taunton, Mass., reads thus :

The females of Taunton have erected this monument  
in honor of

ELIZABETH POOL,

Foundress of the Town of Taunton in 1637,

Born before the settlement of America in England  
1589;

Died at Taunton, May 21, 1654.

Miss Mary Hoyt, afterward Mrs. Charles R. Sherman, delightfully received her friends at the Hoyt hill-side home. Among her guests, at one gathering, was her school-mate, a grand-daughter of the Lord of the Manor of Philipsburgh. These young ladies attended together the noted Harlem Seminary, kept by the three English Sketchley sisters, of which institution Miss Charlotte Dickinson (later the wife of Dr. Thomas Church Brownell, third bishop of Connecticut) was also a member. The pupils of this school (removed later to Poughkeepsie) were interested in the movements of the elegant Elizabeth Patterson of Baltimore and her young suitor, Jerome Bonaparte, which two were, at that period, socially conspicuous. Nearly forty years

\*The author has not investigated this claim. It is borrowed from carefully prepared Street family data.





of the Middle Temple is lighted by two large windows on the right of the porch. From its dimensions a tolerable idea may be formed of the size of the house, it (the hall) being in length thirty-four feet, in width twenty-two feet and in height eighteen feet, presenting a most noble and imposing effect throughout. Among the pictures in the venerable mansion are a portrait of Sir George Wynder, by Van Dyck, another of Lady Wynder, by Sir Peter Lely, together with a portrait of Queen Henrietta Maria, the unhappy consort of King Charles, by Van Dyck, all of which are undoubted originals.

All the offices and out-buildings of this ancient mansion are suitable to its appearance and the whole form a most venerable group. In the great kitchen the spit is turned by a stream of water which is under the brow of the hill close to the mansion. From the house and grounds the vale of Eversham is seen to peculiar advantage, and the view extends from Strensham around to Upton, including the Abbey and town of Pershore, with all the animation of the commercial enterprises on the river Avon, trees, verdant meadows and cheerful villas, interspersed with the white sails of the river craft and the spires of the sequestered villages."

The widowed mother (born 1588) of Rev. Thomas Hanford came, in 1635, to America with two daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth, and in advance, it seems, of her son Thomas, who was left in England in order that he might continue his studies and be brought up a scholar. The widow Hanford here married, second, "Friday, Dec. 15, 1637," Richard Scillis, of Scituate. The American, if not English, tutor of her son Thomas, was of the Westminster School, which, at the era of the gunpowder plot, adjoined the Parliament House. Margaret, the older Hanford sister, married, before her brother here arrived, Isaac, son of the Rev. John Robinson to whose memory an imposing church has just been built in Gainesborough, England. Elizabeth married Edward Foster, one of the settlers of Scituate, Mass. **Thomas reached America in 1642** and renewed and finished his studies on

afterward Maria Edgar (Mrs. Dr. McKnight) met Madam Bonaparte at Saratoga, who mentioned to her of the handsome parties she had, as a maiden, attended at the Edgar New York home. One fact, pertaining to the beautiful madam, sensibly impressed Mrs. McKnight, viz., that she had not in all these years changed her style of dress, but that it was almost fashion-identical with that of a generation gone. Miss Mary Hoyt's young guest (Miss Philips) was, while at the Sketchleys, a frequent visitor at Martin S. Wilkins, in Morrisania, where she often met Gouverneur Morris, who, had he not married, would have made Mr. Wilkins one of his heirs. The school girls of that primitive day had a good deal to chat about and Norwalk preserved correspondence, although pertaining to their elders, is entertaining. Miss Hoyt's friend, whose great aunt, Mary Philips, declined the hand in matrimony of George Washington and accepted that of Roger Morris (Washington's Companion-in-Arms) made a drawing while at the Sketchleys, which this

town holds. Her grandmother married, as his second wife, Rev. Dr. John Ogilvie of Trinity Church, New York, and father of Rev. Geo. Ogilvie, rector in 1790 of St. Paul's church, Norwalk. Mrs. Dr. John Ogilvie's son, Nathaniel Philips, fell at the Battle of Germantown, Oct. 4, 1771, at the age of twenty-one. He left no will, but being of age, his portion of the magnificent Hudson River estate went to his oldest brother, Adolph, who died, unmarried, June 8, 1785. From Adolph's estate Mrs. Ogilvie received a patrimony, and the young Elizabeth Amayr the use of £500 until she should arrive at age, when the principal was to be paid her. Mrs. Ogilvie died Feb. 11, 1807. As the Philipses were attached to the loyal cause their immense estate was confiscated and finally sold off in small lots, of which parcels some of the Norwalk Beldens were, to an extent, purchasers. The grandfather of Miss Mary Hoyt's school companion, Frederick Philips, sailed for England, where his descendants now live. His monument is erected in





this side of the water, with the eminent pastor of Scituate, afterward Rev. Charles Chauncey, the second president of Harvard College. He was a no dull pupil, but, splendidly equipped, quickly followed the settlers to Norwalk, here commencing (before full ordination, if Dr. William Allen be reliable) his labors in 1652. The discriminating Edwin Hall, D. D., a well versed theologian and a later distinguished pastor of the same Hanford established Norwalk church, after deliberation, made use (in 1848, and upon the marble inscribed tablet that surmounts the inner vestibule door of the present Norwalk First Congregational Church) of the term "gathered," as one best calculated to rightly express the initial work in this old town, of its first Christian minister, who was not a man of straw nor his people of like slender constitution. When, attired, if "Mather's Magnalia" is correctly quoted, in the preacher's gown, he rose to open (in his quaint 30x18 feet, and for safety's sake, one windowed sanctuary) divine worship, he faced, among others, such solid men as Matthew Marvin, Sr., late of Hartford, who, because of proper qualifications had been appointed a colonial "assistant Magistrate"; and Thomas Fitch, Sr., a monied and a brainy pioneer; and Matthew Campfield, Sr., who had openly taken issue with the entire Connecticut settlement; and Nathaniel Richards, whose near neighbors before his coming to Norwalk had been settlers of Gov. Winthrop's calibre; and Ephraim Lockwood, son of Robert, whose wife is believed to have been close kin to the Bulkleys of England (fore-parents of ex-Gov. Bulkley of Connecticut); and Richard Olmstead, the new plantation's chief engineer; and Samuel Hayes who was selected to lay out Danbury; and the energetic and efficient Richard Raymond and his son John; which men represented strength, sense and substance, as

Chester Cathedral. Thomas Belden, of Norwalk, was the land agent of the family in Revolutionary times.

The Isaac Hoyt house stood until about 1842, when the late A. E. Beard, having procured the property, added the same to his acreage. Mr. Beard's first purchase-intention was to control, for manufacturing purposes, the water that flowed from the rear height of the Hoyt site, but deciding, afterward, to thereon erect his own home, he bought the adjoining Hoyt house (then unoccupied by the family) and had it taken down. Among the last ones to tenant the old ancestor-domicile was the venerable Mrs. Hotchkiss whose previous home had been the elder James Seymour house at the lower part of the present Matthews West Avenue grounds. Family silver was found secreted between the walls of the Hoyt house when it was taken down. The orchard trees, which the Beards still allow to remain, remind of the Edward St. John testimony as recorded in the last text-paragraph of page 61.

Isaac Hoyt's grandmother was a Hannah Goold, who was born the same year that the death of a Hannah Goold is recorded. This introduced the Goold name to this Hoyt family. The well-known Goold Hoyt<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk, was a brother of Isaac

Hoyt, as was also Jesse, the father of the influential and estimable James Moody Hoyt, who built the commodious edifice that crowns the summit directly east of the southern entrance to St. Paul's Church. These three brothers, Isaac, Goold and Jesse were the uncles of Munson Hoyt, whose fine Bridgeport home is now supplanted by Park City business houses, and some of the adornings of which home are kept intact, in the old town of Fairfield. Hannah, sister of Mrs. Charles R. Sherman, married Joseph Keeler, a useful citizen of Norwalk, who lived where now stands, in Water Street, the Anson Quintard house. Joseph Keeler's home, in those days, fronted the water. He belonged to the Norwalk Keelers. One of his daughters, Eliza, married a southern Wynette; another, Susan, married a Truman, and another still, Sarah Hannah, married Joseph Ketchum. Joseph Keeler did business near his own residence.

<sup>1</sup>This first meeting house (a trifle below 1896 H. M. Prowitt house) faced the King's Highway, but its Lord's day services were undisturbed by the colonial courier's bugle blast or the hoof pattering of John Perry's mail steed; a condition of Sunday calm which perceptibly marked Norwalk life down, almost, to the times of Jackson Kemper and Henry Benedict. While these more modern Episcopal and Congrega-



did the housewives of that day culture and character. These last were custom-prevented from occupying places next to their husbands in church, but they formed a "goodly company" on the "other side" of the house, where sat, first, Mrs. Thomas Hanford, clever and conspicuously connected; and Mrs. Thomas Fitch, sister-in-law of Abraham Pierson, the first rector of Yale College; and Mrs. Matthew Campfield, whose brother was Governor Robert Treat; and Mrs. Christopher Comstock, whose father owned acres "in what is now the best part of the Elm City"; and Mrs. John Platt, who was a Milford Clark; and Mrs. Ephraim Lockwood, a daughter of the influential Matthias St. John, all these constituting an ancient but an apt and appreciative constituency. The same year that Mr. Hanford came to Norwalk he married, first, Hannah, third daughter of Thomas and Jane Newberry of Windsor. Thos. Newberry, died in 1635-6, leaving several children, among them the future first Mrs. Hanford. The widow Newberry married, second, Rev. John Warham, earliest minister of Windsor. She died while upon a visit to her Norwalk daughter, (April 23, 1655.) Her daughter Hester, baptized Dec. 8, 1644, (half sister to Mrs. Hanford) married Rev. Solomon Stoddard and was consequently the grandmother of President Jonathan Edwards. The first Mrs. Hanford, leaving, as far as is known, no children, soon followed her mother to the tomb, and her reverend husband married, second, Oct. 22, 1661, Mary, daughter of Hon. Richard Miles of New Haven, and widow of Jonathan Ince<sup>2d</sup> of the same city. The second Mrs. Hanford, as was the case with her husband's first wife, was from one of the prominent families of the new land. Judge Richard and Catherine Miles were English and afterward Milford and New Haven people of position and property. The mother of Mrs. Hanford<sup>2d</sup>, before she married Judge Miles, was a rich British widow with several children, and Mrs. Hanford's<sup>2d</sup> half brothers and sisters fell heirs to the estate across the water. She (Mary Miles) married, first, Dec. 12, 1654, Jonathan<sup>2d</sup>, son of Jonathan Ince<sup>1st</sup>, one of the original proprietors of Hartford. Jonathan Ince<sup>2d</sup>, was a graduate

tional pastors were giving out their closing Sunday hymn, the first perchance announcing the familiar lines,

Almighty Father bless the word,  
Which through thy grace we now have heard;

and the second the fervent verse beginning,

Thine earthly Sabbaths Lord we love,  
But there's a nobler rest above;

there was quite likely to be heard, rolling down Jarvis Hill and around the Bissell corner, the old Boston Post coach. Still this attracted only a moment's attention, and so the Abbots rode undistractedly home to Smith's Ridge and Phœbe Comstock to Silvermine, to peacefully end, when the sun had disappeared across the New York state line, a day of pure soul refreshment. Thomas Hanford's congregation, however, was not as distantly scattered as were the assemblies of his successors, and after he had pronounced his afternoon benediction the people were soon at their homes and saw Sunday, which they began on Saturday evening to keep, calmly drop its

evening dusk over the waters of the near-by keep unploughed river and bay.

Jonathan Ince<sup>2d</sup>, accompanied by two colleagues, Nathaniel Pelham and John Davis, had, says Sibley, taken passage, in Nov. 1657, "in the best of two ships," then bound for England. This ship James Garrett, master, was never heard from afterward. The month before Ince sailed the Indian apostle, John Eliot, who desired, upon his return, to secure (for work among the red men) the services of Mr. Ince, wrote thus to the treasurer of the Missionary Corporation. He, Ince, "is a goodly young man, a scholar who hath a singular faculty to learn and pronounce the Indian tongue." He was also a remarkable mathematician. The Massachusetts court appointed, June 1, 1652, a commission to ascertain the northern line of their colony. The commission desired Ince to be added to the party. This was done and when the head of the Merrimac was reached himself and John Sherman of Watertown determined the latitude of the spot.





in 1650, of Harvard College, and with his wife, Mary Miles, intended to establish a home in New Haven. Death, however, cut short his career and he perished at sea, leaving a widow and one son, Jonathan Ince,<sup>3d</sup> born June 27, 1656. This widow and her son afterward became, as has been observed, the wife and step-son of Rev. Thomas Hanford, of Norwalk. The recorded Hanford children were all born to this second wife, who lived until about 1722. She is possibly buried, as also her renowned husband and quite possibly his first wife and her mother, beneath the entirely obliterated flat stone parallelogram in the present East Norwalk cemetery.<sup>1</sup> Her European mother's headstone is to-day distinctly legible. It stands in Wallingford, where she died in 1683, at the great age of 95 years.

HANFORD, FITCH AND PLATT ASCENDANTS OF SAMUEL DASKAM, SR.,  
AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

Deborah, born Sept. 27, 1746, daughter of Hezekiah and Deborah Hoyt Hanford, married Jonathan<sup>1st</sup> son of Hon. Samuel<sup>2</sup> and Susannah Fitch. Hezekiah Hanford was a son of Samuel and grandson of Rev. Thos. Hanford. His wife was Deborah, daughter of Caleb<sup>3</sup> and Mehitable Hoyt, and beside his daughter Deborah, he had, also, Grace, born Oct. 5, 1765, who married Capt. Hezekiah Betts, who was the father of the late Miss Juliette Betts and her brothers and sisters of France Street.<sup>4</sup> Jonathan<sup>1st</sup> and Deborah Fitch had a brief wedded life.<sup>5</sup> The father, born 1744, a Yale man, died at harvest time; July 7, 1773, in a meadow near home at the age of twenty-nine. He left one son, Josiah Hanford Fitch, born April 3, 1772. As Jonathan<sup>1st</sup> was the brother of Elizabeth (Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers), his nephews, the Stamford Rogers, desired to care for this son, the young Josiah Hanford Fitch, but the lad's mother and step-father, Waters, declined. The youth lived to marry, Jan. 21, 1791, Ann Platt, daughter of Jedediah and Mary Platt<sup>5</sup> Hanford. To

<sup>1</sup>It is too late to restore this stone's inscription, but as the monument is built close to the late Hanford graves, and is central, and not, otherwise satisfactorily accounted for, it is highly probable that it marks the spot where repose the dust of Norwalk's first ordained servant of God and those nearest and dearest to him in the flesh.

<sup>2</sup>Brother of Gov. Thomas Fitch, and son of Thos. Fitch,<sup>3d</sup> who was a son of Thos.,<sup>2d</sup> who was the son of Thos.<sup>1st</sup>.

<sup>3</sup>Son of Zerubbabel, and grandson of Walter Hoyt, the settler. Mrs. Caleb Hoyt was a widow Blatchley, a daughter of John, son of Ralph Keeler, Sr.

<sup>4</sup>The family of Capt. Hezekiah Betts was one of Norwalk's worthiest households, and the home abode of primitive peace and piety. Its paternal head was also an intense patriot. Himself and cousin Stephen (Capt. Stephen, militia Captain at the burning of Norwalk) were soldiers from their youth. Both were strong characters. Hezekiah was a Puritan and Stephen a Churchman. One loyally observed Thanksgiving Day, the other mingled tansy with his food on

Good Friday. The two were noble men and left a noble record. Of Hezekiah it is mentioned that tears would fill the old veteran's eyes when the night of July 3d set in and the children had, seemingly, so far forgotten their father's struggles, as to neglect to ring the church bells and kindle independence "bon-fires." The members of Captain Hezekiah's family have been useful in their day and generation. Alfred and Zenophon were clergymen in the west; Henry was a genius; Mehitable married a Scott, and has a daughter living; Eulalia (Mrs. Horace Gibbs) was a fond mother; Juliette and Harriet were mercy-ministers, and Eliza Susan's instructress-influence in rightly and righteously shaping young Norwalk life entitles her memory to monumental perpetuity.

The present Hezekiah Betts house, in France Street, supplanted the house of his father, Thomas Betts, which, erected upon the same site, was burned in 1779. The 1896 house was built around the old Revolutionary chimney, which flue, however, was some years since, for room sake, removed.

<sup>5</sup>Mary Platt was a daughter of Joseph Platt,<sup>2d</sup>.



this couple was born, Dec. 27, 1792, their daughter Lucretia.<sup>1</sup> The father built the present H. M. Prowitt place and occupied it until its sale by himself to Samuel Hanford,<sup>2</sup> after whose ownership it passed into the hands of the Prowitts. Josiah H. Fitch, upon giving up his own house, went to live with his mother and step-father in what is now the Mrs. Theodocia F. Bradley home, where died his mother, wife and self. His daughter, Lucretia, married the well-known Capt. Samuel Daskam, of Norwalk, and from their wedding hour, on to the old age of both, the two enjoyed a happy life-day. The bride for several years survived her husband and spent a serene age-evening. Her cottage, the home-sites of settlers Richard Seymour, and subsequently, James Rogers, and now the possession of her daughter, Theodocia F., was a comfort-seat. Capt. Daskam was a Long Island Sound mariner in the days of packet passenger traffic. His children were Samuel, born Jan. 31, 1823 and Theodocia F.

Samuel married, Oct. 4, 1847, Arietta M., daughter of Henry and Eunice (Wilcox) Rogers, and had Ida A., died in infancy; Jennie May, who married July 6, 1887, James Lawrence, son of Lawrence M. and Catherine (St. John) Stevens, and had Eunice, born August 21, 1889.

Theodocia F. married, Oct. 7, 1840, George Hayes Bradley,<sup>3</sup> of New Haven, and had Helen S., married Minot E. Osborn; George T.; Henry K.; Samuel J.

son of Joseph,<sup>1st</sup> son of John.<sup>1st</sup> Her father was Hon. Joseph and her grandfather "ye worshipful" Joseph Platt. Her sisters were Mrs. Samuel Fitch, Mrs. Timothy Fitch, Mrs. Stephen Thatcher, Mrs. Daniel Hanford and Mrs. Avery.

<sup>1</sup>Besides Lucretia the children of Josiah H. and Ann P. Fitch were Jonathan, born Sept. 10, 1795; Theodocia, born October 9, 1799, died at the age of eighteen; Nancy, born July 17, 1801; Lewis, born Sept. 22, 1802; Hanford born March 16, 1804; William, born Nov. 22, 1806; Mary P., born Dec. 25, 1808; George, born August 27, 1809; Horace, born Sept. 14, 1811.

Of the foregoing children Nancy married, April 12, 1819, Francis, son of Asa Hoyt, nephew of Mrs. Moses Gregory and brother-in-law of Ex-mayor Conklin Brush of Brooklyn. Lewis married Louisa Smith, and lived in New Haven. He was a prominent Congregationalist of that city and the father of Rev. Wm. T. Fitch of the P. E. Church.

George married in Guilford.

Horace married, Aug. 19, 1837, Harriet, daughter of Eseck and Maria (Osborn) Kellogg, and had: Emma; Anna; Carrie; Charles.

Of Lucretia, (Mrs. Samuel Daskam) the oldest of the children, it may be said that she was a genuine Norwalk mother. Kindness was her nature. She was of excellent spirit, was capital company and walked as erectly and vigorously at eighty as perhaps, at forty. She lived at least a mile from her Church,

(St. Paul's) but she frequented its services and was almost sure to be seen after worship on Sunday afternoon, wending her way homeward, accompanied by, until she parted with them at their gate entrances, her choice friends, Mrs. Stephen Buckingham St. John and Mrs. Charles Thomas. In and out the church she was beloved.

<sup>2</sup>Samuel Hanford was a son of Hezekiah Hanford,<sup>2d</sup> son of Hezekiah,<sup>1st</sup> who was son of Samuel<sup>1st</sup> (son of Rev. Thomas Hanford). His mother (Mrs. Hezekiah<sup>2d</sup>) was Sarah, daughter of James and Ann (Hanford) Fitch and grand-niece of Gov. Thomas Fitch. He was married but had no children. His brother Elnathan married a sister of Daniel Nash,<sup>2d</sup> of Westport, and aunt of the present Edward H. Nash of that town. After Elnathan's decease his widow married the Van Hoosear grandfather of the present D. H. Van Hoosear, the Wilton genealogist. David, another brother of Samuel, has a son, David, living in South Norwalk to-day.

<sup>3</sup>The wedding of George H. and Theodocia F. Bradley was a Norwalk event. The ceremony was performed in the old St. Paul's Church, after it had been removed (to admit of the building of the present edifice) to the Jarvis lot on the opposite side of the street, and while it stood upon the mover's "blocks." The dash of carriages to the church, and the drive away that autumn day of the contracting parties, after the ceremony, to New Haven, created a stir in those more primitive times.





## ASCENT OF AND DESCENT FROM CAPT. RICHARD HANFORD.

- Gen. I.—Rev. Thomas and Mary (Miles) Hanford.  
 “ II.—Samuel and Isabel (Haynes) Hanford.  
 “ III.—Haynes and Elizabeth (Ketchum) Hanford.  
 “ IV.—John and Rebecca (Gorham) Hanford.  
 “ V.—Capt. Richard Hanford.

Beneath the walls of Trinity Church, on the New Haven Green, rest the remains of one of the founders of that church, a young French Huguenot, Timothy, son of Pierre and Marguerite Bontecou, the American ancestors of the Bontecou household. Timothy Bontecou had married Mary, fourth child of Col. David and Prudence (Churchill) Goodrich. The Colonel, who was born May 4, 1667, was a son of Ensign William Goodrich and wife Sarah, who was a daughter of Hon. Matthew Marvin, Sr., “Magistrate,” and one of the settlers of Norwalk. Mary, born Dec. 15, 1704, a daughter of Ensign William and Sarah, married Sept. 29, 1736, Timothy Bontecou, Jr., a son of Timothy, Sr., the Trinity Church sleeper. Timothy, Jr., a New Haven silversmith, had a son William, who started out in life in his father's Connecticut city, but who subsequently went to Troy, N. Y. To William and his wife Hannah, was born, July 22, 1792, a daughter, Polly, who married, Nov. 2, 1812, Capt. Richard Hanford, son of John<sup>1</sup> and Rebecca Hanford, who, born Jan. 9, 1794, in Norwalk, removed to Lansingburgh, then a village, three miles north of Troy. Lansingburgh was of lovely situation, on the east bank of the upper Hudson and its recent Norwalk contributed citizen proceeded to found a passenger and freight traffic line from thence to the City of New York, one hundred and sixty miles to the south, and thus stood in honored transportation-association with several notable Norwalk names. He was the junior of the Warrens,<sup>2</sup> whose vessel had thither sailed from Norwalk when he was only four years old, and he was a younger man, by fourteen years, than Capt. Richard Hall Fitch,<sup>3</sup> also of

<sup>1</sup>John Hanford, born Jan. 1, 1755, married, Aug. 6, 1775, Rebecca Gorham, born Feb. 12, 1759. His brother Jedediah lived in the present France Street, Norwalk, and his brother Joseph where now stands the Page cottage in Westport.

<sup>2</sup>See Warren lineage.

<sup>3</sup>Capt. Richard Hall Fitch, born Nov. 5, 1770, was the fourth child of Col. Thomas and Sarah (Hill) Fitch, and a grandchild of Gov. Thomas Fitch of Norwalk. He went from the rebuilt Fitch home (standing on the Earle Hill of 1896) to marry Theodocia Conklin of Long Island. The young couple resided in Norwalk until about 1812. Here the two of their children who survived infancy were born. Their daughter Sarah married Peletia Bliss of Troy, N. Y., who was early left a widow with three children, LeGrand, James and Sarah Elizabeth. James married Lydia Brintnall, and had no children. The parents, however, adopted a daughter, Amelia, who

married Robert De Belle and resided in Georgia, where they had four children. Emily, the second daughter of Capt. Richard H. Fitch married, as his second wife, Albert P. Heartt, one of the best known citizens of Troy. These had one child, a daughter who died, unmarried at the age of twenty-three. Mrs. Albert P. Heartt died May 31, 1874, beloved, as was her mother before her, for her good works. Capt. Richard H. Fitch had a next younger sister, Mary Esther, who married her cousin Edward, son of Timothy and Esther (Platt) Fitch, who lived in the honored habitation which stood in the meadow directly east of the 1896 widow Walter T. Gray's East Norwalk home. Here presided Esther, one of the five grand-daughters of “ye worshipful Joseph Platt,” a revered Norwalk memory. This quintette of Norwalk women, Esther (Mrs. Timothy Fitch), Mary (Mrs. Jedediah Hanford), Elizabeth (Mrs. Samuel Fitch), Ann (Mrs. Stephen Thatcher), Susanna Mrs.





Norwalk, but now of Troy, and who, just after Fulton's "Clermont" of 1808, was put in command of the pioneer steamer "New London," which ran between Albany and New York. Capt. Hanford, of the "Royal Oak," was nineteen years the senior of Capt. Alanson P. St. John,<sup>1</sup> of Norwalk, all of which men represented Norwalk family strength, and together constituted an enterprising Empire State business confraternity. Levi C. Hanford, son of Capt. Richard and Polly Hanford, married, Oct. 11, 1861, Margaret, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Wool) Goodman<sup>2</sup> of Lansingburgh, N. Y., and had :

Robert Goodman;	Mary A.;	Horace Day;	Harry Norman.
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Daniel Hanford and Hannah (Mrs. Avery), had a Yale graduate for a father and the daughter of Rev. Thomas Hanford for their mother. Their descent was something in which to take just pleasure, and their names deserve to be remembered. The children of Edward (son of Timothy and Esther) and Mary Esther (daughter of Col. Thomas and Sarah) Fitch, were Angenette and Adeline. Adeline died unmarried. Angenette married Daniel Hall of Troy, N. Y., and had: Mary O. Fitz Edward, George C., Benjamin H., Richard F. and James S. Of the lofty parts and principles of one of these children, Hon. Benjamin H. Hall, of living memory, his Fitch grandfather and grandmother's native Norwalk has cause to be proud. He married Margaret, daughter of Hon Jacob. L. Lane, of Troy, N. Y.

"Capt. Alanson P. St.<sup>3</sup> John, of Norwalk, took a position on the North River at the dawn of its passenger-popularity period, and by his admirable command of the "Rochester" was one of the inaugurators of the propitious era. Tourists, artists, students and statesmen were contributors to the river's growing patronage, and albeit the days were primitive and the boats of plain model, yet management-elegance was discernible even before the advent of the superb DREW or St. JOHN. The grace with which at that earlier era a colored official bore, upon the salver, a complimentary passage-proffer and tendered it to the subject of the courtesy, or the cabin-conduct to the captain's table and honor-place at his right hand of some guest or friend of the company or the command-er, were noticeable civilities.

River traffic probably reached high water mark just before the completion of the Hudson River Railroad, at which time it was worth one's while to go, at nightfall on a summer evening, to the Broadway, Albany, landing. The trains from the west and north are in, the pier is packed with vehicles and crowds throng the steamer's gangway. The hour is up, the last bell has rung, and one who, barring his height, somewhat resembles Theodore Cook, commodore of the Cunard fleet, emerges from the pilot quarter aloft and stands for a moment at its little guard rail. It is Capt. St. John, who, after a quiet but searching look fore and aft, touches a small spring and mid strains of

stirring music sends his thronged palace of blaze and beauty out into the channel to proudly steam, while its living burden safely sleep, adown the one peerless American stream of which the poet long ago enthusiastically wrote that it had "too much of Heaven on earth to last." A trip up or down the Hudson, at that day was an event. The late Capt L. H. Tupper, long a favorite contemporary of Capt. St. John, took comfort in recent times, and whilst visiting in Norwalk, in reciting his North River experiences. It is declared, upon good authority, that the "People's Line" was conceived in Norwalk, but whether so or no, this town's Cannon's, Fitch's, Hanford's, St. John's, Warren's and, by connection, Peck's, form an imposing Hudson galaxy.

<sup>2</sup>Mrs. Thomas Goodman, who passed the ending years of her life with her daughter, Mrs. Levi C. Hanford, of Norwalk, was cousin of the late veteran Maj.-Gen. John E. Wool of the United States Army. Gen. Wool, a hero in the Mexican War and a soldier of national reputation, spent his term of retired service in the city of Troy, where he was held in high honor. His mother died while he was young, and the future soldier shared the home of his uncle, James Wool, the father of Mrs. Thomas Goodman before referred to. At the age of sixteen young Wool left his uncle's and took a clerk's position in Troy. He went into business for himself in Troy, but having been burned out, sought and obtained a captain's commission in the army. His first battle was at Queenstown Heights. He married Sarah Moulton of Troy, but had no children. His wife's sister married the father of Hon. John A. Griswold, who holds the general's sword and other trophies of war. A large estate was divided, after the soldier's decease, among his widow and the Wool family affinity.

Beside the Norwalk Hanford-Wool relationship is that of the Norwalk Betts-Wool connection. The step-mother of the celebrated Gen. Wool married, for her second husband, one whose home was in the present town of Wilton. David Betts (Samuel<sup>2d</sup>, Samuel<sup>1st</sup>, Thomas<sup>1st</sup>) born April 4, 1730, had a son, Jared, who was baptized in Wilton, March 23, 1755. Jared's father died some years later and his mother, Betty, married, second, Nov. 13, 1770, Capt. Caleb



ASCENDANTS OF DANIEL, CHARLES, WINFIELD SCOTT, SR.,  
AND JOSEPH PLATT HANFORD<sup>2d</sup>.

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“ II.—SAMUEL AND ISABEL (Haynes) HANFORD.  
“ III.—HEZEKIAH AND DEBORAH (Hoyt) HANFORD.  
“ IV.—DANIEL AND SUSANNAH (Platt) HANFORD.  
“ V.—JOSEPH PLATT<sup>1st</sup> AND CHARLOTTE (St. John) HANFORD.  
“ IV.—DANIEL, CHARLES AND WINFIELD SCOTT HANFORD, SR.

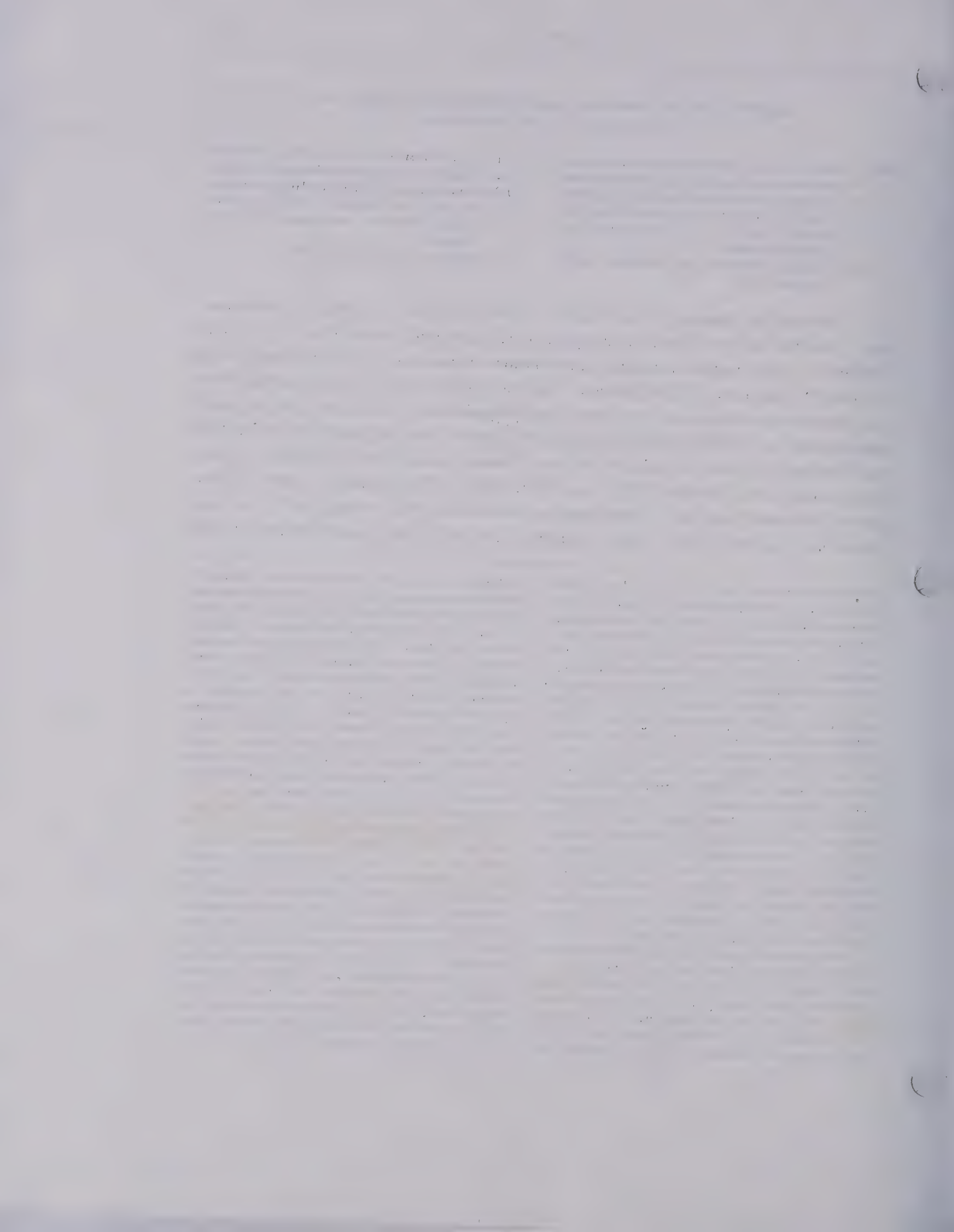
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“ V.—JOSEPH PLATT<sup>1st</sup> AND PHEBE (Northrop) HANFORD.  
“ VI.—JOSEPH PLATT HANFORD, SR.

Joseph Platt Hanford<sup>1st</sup>, born April 17, 1782, died Aug. 10, 1870, was twice married. His first wife was Charlotte, daughter of William<sup>1</sup> and Hannah (Marvin) St. John. William St. John's mother was reared in the meadow home close by the residence to-day of Oscar W. Raymond in East Norwalk. She was a sister of one (Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers) of ancestress-renown, and her father was distinguished in public life. Mr. St. John's grandmother on his father's side (Mrs. Joseph St. John<sup>1st</sup>), was the grand-child of Mr. William Hooker, who was the grandson of Rev. Thomas Hooker, the first minister of Cambridge, Mass., and a founder of the Connecticut colony. The mother of Joseph P. Hanford<sup>1st</sup> (Susannah Platt), was a grand-daughter of Hannah, (Mrs. Joseph Platt<sup>1st</sup>, “ye worshipful”), a daughter of Rev. Thomas Hanford. She was a great grand-daughter of John

Baldwin of Newtown, Fairfield County. As the young Jared reached young manhood at this time he desired his share of his father's estate, but his step-father, who had the property in charge, declined to act in the matter. The young man was so indignant that (probably in opposition to his step-father) he at once went into the British army and assisted the enemy in its operations against Danbury in 1777. For this course he was banished the country, and as his brother Nathan had been killed in battle, the boy's mother died from grief the next year. While Jared was at St. John's, Nova Scotia, he sold out his share of the Norwalk estate to William Burwell of Newtown, Conn., and also his interest in his deceased brother Nathan's property. After Jared's return from the provinces at the war's close, he located at Schenectady, N. Y. and subsequently in Troy, where he married the second Mrs. Wool. Gen. Wool maintained very handsome quarters in First Street, Troy. After his decease the property, for the larger part fell to Hon. John A. Griswold, and his children. The Griswold's belonged in Troy, N. Y.

Col. Stephen St. John, son of Joseph and Susannah (Selleck-Hooker) St. John, was one of colonial Norwalk's elegant military men. He married Ann, daughter of Hon. Samuel and niece of Gov. Thomas Fitch. The issue by this union was one of strong New England blood. William, second son of Col. Stephen, married Hannah, born Oct 8, 1760, daughter

of Matthew and Deborah (Burnet) Marvin. Hannah's brother, born Jan. 3, 1764, was the eminently excellent Hon. Matthew Marvin of Wilton, who married, April 7, 1792, Nancy, a sister of said Hannah's husband, William St. John. The children of William and Hannah St. John were: Stephen W., Charlotte, Maria, Matthew C., Delia, Charles and Betsey. The second of these children, Charlotte, was the first wife of Joseph P. Hanford<sup>1st</sup>, and the mother of his first three sons, Daniel, Charles and Winfield Scott. After the decease of his first wife Charlotte, Joseph P. Hanford, married, second, the widow of Erie Northrop, Phæbe, daughter of Seth and Elizabeth Raymond. By this marriage there was the 1896 Joseph Platt Hanford of East Norwalk. The Hanford home at “Bush Pasture,” on the ancient “Fairfield Path,” now Strawberry Hill, was one of old-time satisfaction and of marine-view beauty. Its head, Joseph P. Hanford<sup>1st</sup>, a faithful chief town official, there brought up, during his years of strength, his active sons. Of these Daniel, who married a daughter of Ebenezer Smith, established a home in his native town. Charles went south, and Winfield S. who, marrying in Philadelphia and conducting business elsewhere, remained for a long period away, but finally returned and spent the balance of his days in energetic efforts city wise and church wise in South Norwalk. He was one of the most diligent and liberal founders of Trinity Church in that city.





Platt<sup>1st</sup>, the Norwalk Platt settler, who was a son of Richard Platt, Sr. and settler. The second wife of Joseph P. Hanford<sup>1st</sup>, was the widow Northrop, a sister of Mrs. James Seymour of Norwalk, and of Mrs. Daniel Aymar of New York. The widow Northrop, now the second Mrs. Joseph P. Hanford<sup>1st</sup>, was a great grand-daughter of Elizabeth Belden, of the Wm. Belden, Deerfield, Mass. branch. By her Cole marriage, Elizabeth Belden scattered Foote-Deming blood profusely over Norwalk. Mr. Joseph Platt Hanford<sup>2d</sup>, only son of Joseph P. Hanford<sup>1st</sup>, by his second marriage, is to-day, at almost eighty, a splendid example of mental and physical vigor. The story of his own as well as of many of the down-town (East Norwalk) homes abounds in instructive genealogy passages.

#### DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH PLATT HANFORD, SR.

Daniel,<sup>1</sup> born November 19, 1803, son of Joseph P. and Charlotte (St. John) Hanford, married June 27, 1827, Caroline, daughter of Ebenezer H. and Susanna (Wright) Smith, and had:

Charles E., b. Nov. 17, 1830; mar. Nov. 1859, Mary Elizabeth Banker;  
 Charlotte Elizabeth, b. June 20, 1833; mar. July 2, 1853, Edwin H. Baldwin.  
 George Smith<sup>1st</sup>, b. Feb. 20, 1836; died March 16, 1836.  
 Sarah Catherine, b. April 30, 1837; mar. June 4, 1871, Daniel F. Whitlock.  
 George Smith<sup>2d</sup>, b. July 20, 1838; died Nov. 12, 1849.<sup>2</sup>  
 Caroline Louisa, b. April 20, 1841; mar. Dec. 20, 1865, Stephen Merrill.  
 Winfield Scott, born Sep. 5, 1843; mar. April 9, 1867, Ella Amelia Osborn.

Daniel Hanford died Sep. 25, 1857 and his wife Caroline, March 23, 1888.

Charles Hanford, born 1809, died April 23, 1847, son of Joseph P. and Charlotte (St. John) Hanford, married first, 1830, Elizabeth, daughter of David Hanford (Hezekiah<sup>2d</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>1st</sup>, Samuel, Rev. Thomas).<sup>3</sup> She died Feb. 20, 1831, aged eighteen. He married, second, Arminta Holmes. He married third, 1840, Jane Wilson, and had:

<sup>1</sup>Named for his Hanford grandfather, Daniel<sup>1st</sup>, who had served for two terms during the Revolutionary War. Norwalk was harrassed during said period by plundering parties from the enemy's Long Island quarters. A night visit was paid the Hanford premises, and after laying hands upon the family stores, the head of the household (Daniel<sup>1st</sup>) was taken to the Sugar House Prison in New York city. His home was destroyed on the morning of the Tryon invasion. One of his sons, Andrew, who was born during the terrible winter that succeeded this invasion, was afterward well known in the Ohio "Fireland" district. Distribution of these western lands was made to eastern sufferers as an offset to Tryon-incurred losses. On the night in 1779 of the landing of the enemy in Norwalk, Thomas Comstock of Silvermine opened his

still standing (Wardwell) house as a shelter for Norwalkers. Among these seemed to be the heads of two families, "Gold Hoyt and Simeon Raymond" (see Huron County, Ohio, record) who made over to Thomas Seymour their claim to this Ohio bounty. The result was that Mr. Comstock (great grandfather of Stephen and Albert of 1896) became the proprietor of Sections II and III (now the site of the city of Norwalk, Ohio) of the "Fireland" district. Andrew Hanford became interested in this matter.

<sup>2</sup>This engaging youth was one of the earliest Norwalk railway-disaster victims. He was killed, soon after the New York and New Haven railroad was opened for traffic, by a passenger train from New Haven, at the now East Avenue crossing of the road.

<sup>3</sup>The Hezekiah Hanford<sup>1st</sup>, named within the



Emily Jane,<sup>1</sup> b. Aug. 21, 1841; mar. Sep. 25, 1861, Henry Albert Smith.

Charles St. John,<sup>2</sup> b. March 1, 1845; mar. Nov. 26, 1873, Mary A. Clemons.

Winfield Scott Hanford, born Oct. 3, 1814, (died May 10, 1884,) son of Joseph P. and Charlotte (St. John) Hanford, married March 16, 1848, Priscilla Thomas Snell of Philadelphia, and had:

Wm. Augustus Sale<sup>1st</sup>, born Dec. 17, 1848; died Aug. 2, 1849.

Wm. Augustus Sale<sup>2d</sup>, born Nov. 6, 1850; died May 1, 1878.

Charles St. John, born Sep. 29, 1852; died Feb. 1, 1872.

Mary Currier, born (Dec. 1856.)

Martin Bioley, born Aug. 12, 1858; died Feb. 2, 1861.

Charlotte Cecilia, born July 16, 1860; died Jan. 20, 1866.

Annie Tamzen, born May 9, 1864; died July 14, 1865.

Joseph Platt, born May 9, 1864; died Feb. 11, 1866.

Wm. Augustus Sale<sup>2d</sup>, son of Winfield S. and Priscilla T. Hanford, married, Oct. 1875, Isabella, daughter of Wm. C. and Elizabeth (Wilcoxson) Street, and had:

Edna, born Sept. 27, 1876; died Dec. 16, 1877.

Mrs. Wm. A. S. Hanford<sup>2d</sup>, married second, Charles, son of James K. and Samantha (Bontecou) Selleck.

Mary Currier, daughter of Winfield S. and Priscilla T. Hanford, married Apr. 21, 1881, Elbert A. Woodward, and had, Lottie Hanford, born Feb. 25, 1882.

Joseph Platt Hanford<sup>2d</sup>, son of Joseph P.<sup>1st</sup> and Phœbe Hanford, born March 8, 1818, married, Oct. 6, 1840, Jane, daughter of Cyprian Collins, and had:

Franklin, b. July 12, 1841; died Dec. 31, 1843.

Jeanette Hanford, mar. Sep. 29, 1869, Augustus C. Golding.

Mary Scott.

Anna, mar. Oct. 6, 1871, John C. Turrell.

Emma;

Franklin.

parenthesis, born 1721, died May, 2, 1812, inherited Samuel, his father's, homestead (S. W. corner East Avenue and Fort Point Street, 1896.) Samuel Hanford was the son of Rev. Thomas, and succeeded to his parents' occupancy of the original Hanford homestead. Hezekiah was one of the chief men of his day and served in the American Revolution. He lived in comfort and died on his reverend grandfather's homestead. He located his son, Daniel<sup>1st</sup>, on the

Strawberry Hill estate, which was so long the home of the son of Daniel<sup>1st</sup>, the late Joseph P. Hanford<sup>1st</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>Her children are Fannie Albertine,\* born Aug. 2, 1862; Charles Wilson, born May 16, 1864; George A.,† born Oct. 7, 1866; Henry O., born Oct. 23, 1868; Bertha H., born Jan. 31, 1872; Emily Jane, born June 19, 1875.

<sup>2</sup>Had Bertha Augusta, born Sept. 25, 1874; died Sept. 11, 1875.

\*Married, Nov. 30, 1880, Albert Geib, who died, Aug. 12, 1887, and Bertha L., born July 7, 1881; Henry A., born Oct. 4, 1883.

†Married, Oct. 14, 1891, Edelen, daughter of Edwin J. and

Esther (Olmstead) Beers. Had George A., born Oct. 24, 1894, died next day; Reginald S., born Sept. 25, 1896. The parents' present home is in East Norwalk.



## THOMAS COOK HANFORD ASCENT AND DESCENT.

Gen. I.—Rev. Thomas and Mary (Miles) Hanford.

“ II.—Eleazer and Hannah (Frisbie) Hanford.<sup>1</sup>

“ III.—Phineas and Hannah (Comstock) Hanford.<sup>2</sup>

“ IV.—Stephen and Phœbe (Fitch) Hanford.<sup>3</sup>

“ V.—Abijah and Hannah (Warren) Hanford.

“ VI.—Thomas Cook Hanford.

In the days when Isaac Belden was wont to yoke his team and drive at early morn out of his bar-way (opposite St. Mary's Church, 1896) destined to harvest at Belden's Point, no portion of his long route, from "The Bridge" to "The Neck," was more farmer-inviting than the generous green meadow stretch that opened from the site of the present Mahackemo Hotel and extended southwest to the Hoyt's acres (Whistleville), and still further south in the direction of "The Village." This was the "Old Well" Plain, denominated by the settlers "the great meadow," and upon its ancient northern edge Thomas C. Hanford

<sup>1</sup>About three and eighty years before Thomas C. Hanford was born, in viz., 1722, there was a convening, in person or by proxy, of several Fairfield County family principals. Eleazer, great-great grandfather of Mr. Hanford, was one of the party and the Platts, Comstocks, Hills, Burrs and Bulkleys were others of the company. The occasion was that of the distribution of the estate of Norwalk's first minister. Eleazer Hanford, who was then fifty-two years of age, was second named in this transaction. His son, well known in his day, Capt. Phineas, of Old Hill, had a son Stephen who married, in 1771, Phœbe Fitch, and had Abijah, born Aug. 27, 1774, who married May 19, 1796, Hannah Warren, and had: Thos. Cook Hanford, born Feb. 24, 1805.

<sup>2</sup>Moses, son of Christopher and Hannah (Platt) Comstock, the Norwalk settlers, married, Feb. 23, 1709-10, Abigail, born 1691, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Kellogg) Brinsmade. Mrs. Daniel Brinsmade was a daughter of Daniel and Bridget Kellogg, the Norwalk Kellogg settlers. She was also a sister of Rachel (daughter of Daniel and Bridget Kellogg), who married, Dec. 3, 1684, Abraham Nichols, son of Caleb and Annie (Ward) Nichols of Woodbury, which Caleb was the son of Francis Nichols, the ancestor of the Nichols family in America. Daniel Kellogg, of Norwalk, through the Nichols and Brinsmade marriages of his daughters thus became a noted progenitor. Moses and Abigail Comstock's daughter Hannah, married Phineas, son of Eleazer and Hannah (Frisbie) Hanford. Phineas Hanford's brothers and sisters were Sarah (Mrs. John Darrow), Hannah, (Mrs. John Reed), Eleazer, Mary and Eunice (Mrs. Josiah Whitney).

<sup>3</sup>Mrs. Stephen Hanford (Phœbe Fitch) born Sep. 3, 1753, was the daughter of Elijah and Phœbe

(Smith) Fitch. Her father was the son of James and Mary (Haynes-Buckingham) Fitch, and her mother was the daughter of Robert and Judith (Fountain) Smith. Her ancestry-annals would fill a small volume. Her Fitch grandfather was a brother of Gov. Thomas Fitch, and her Smith grandfather was husband of the Long Island Smith mother in relation to whom the citizens of Jamaica passed a "public vote," the nature and history of which have, of late years, been the subjects of considerable investigation. Fitch, son of Stephen and Phœbe Hanford, mar. Lucretia Chapman. The long-time East Saugatuck debatable ground, the disputed territory, that is to say, between Fairfield and Norwalk, formed, in early times, part of an ecclesiastical parish. A society organized thereat, in 1714, chose Rev. Daniel Chapman of Saybrook, who had married Grace Lovell or Lovewell of the provinces, as its first pastor. These had a number of children, one of whom, Phineas (Capt.) married Sarah, the widow (2d wife) of Joseph Ketchum<sup>1st</sup> formerly of Norwalk. Phineas and Sarah built for themselves a home a little to the east of "Hokanum" Plain (near what is now known as Cross Highway.) This home is to-day in the family. Capt. Phineas Chapman earned his title by his services in the Revolutionary War. His son, Joseph, one of the earliest physicians in Westport, had built for him by his father, the house still in existence, which stands at the upper end of the road leading from Westport to Chestnut Hill and just north of the Poplar Plains burial yard. This physician, born Aug. 17, 1745, erected the double dwelling known for the past fifty years, in East Poplar Plains, as the Chapman house. He designed it for one of his daughters and it faces the road leading southerly from King Street, which, winding into the Newtown turnpike at Cranbury Plains, conducts to

Poplar Plains





established his family seat. Diagonally across from the Hanfords stood, in their day, the Chichester house, the old time two benched "stoop" of which was quite likely, in the summer morning or evening, to be occupied by the finely formed father of the family. Before the New Haven R. R. was opened, the Hanford-Chichester corner was, at the hour of the New York steamer's arrival and departure, a scene of animation. Almadurus Brower's New Canaan "Diligence," Gray's Westport stage and Charles Partrick's noted Norwalk

Norwalk. Dr. Joseph Chapman's daughter, Lydia, born Feb. 12, 1776, married, as his third wife, Col. Joseph St. John of New Canaan, and had one son who lived to be about five years of age. Another daughter, Samuel Noyes, M.D., of New Canaan. Another daughter, Polly, born Aug. 29, 1780, married Cornelius Brinckerhoff of New York. These last had two children, one of whom, William, born August, 1803, married Lucretia Hanford, born 1810, daughter of Joseph and Lucretia (Chapman) Hanford. **Fitch Hanford**, who was three months old when Norwalk was burned, was the son, as before appears, of Stephen and Phoebe (Fitch) Hanford, grand-parents of Thomas Peck Hanford, whose South Norwalk home has been supplanted by the Mahackemo Hotel. Mrs. Wm. Brinckerhoff succeeded to an estate which, through the Indians' assistance,\* was finally determined to go to Norwalk. She lived to be the last Westport heir of said estate's first proprietor and as she had no children the property fell to the issue of her cousin, Thos. C. Hanford of Norwalk, one of whose daughters, Louisa Brinckerhoff Woodward, bears her name.

Phineas Chapman<sup>2d</sup>, married Ruth, dau. of Thos. and Ruth (Bradley) Treadwell. Charles, born Jan. 1814, the youngest son of Phineas and Ruth (Treadwell) Chapman, married Martha, daughter of the well-known Bela St. John of North Wilton. Bela St. John, born 1773, son of John who was the grandfather of Matthias St. John, was of the fifth generation from Matthias St. John, Sr., and settler. His great grandfather Matthias lived in his meadow (now Earle) home in Norwalk, but of his sons, one built on the summit of the Ferris Hill of 1895, and another at the foot of said hill and not far from the father's property denominated "Comstock's Park."<sup>4</sup> Bela St. John married, Jan. 15, 1812, Esther, daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Marvin) Keeler of the extensive Bald Hill; Keeler proprietors' family, the veins of the children by which union held the blood of several of the principal founder families of the plantation. Charles and Martha (St. John) Chapman lived on the old Phineas Chapman estate, now in the north-east part of Westport, a home which their

daughters take just pride in keeping up. The children of Charles and Martha Chapman are: Esther St. John, born Aug. 10, 1850, died 1896; Laura E. A., born Aug. 24, 1853; Charles Phineas, born Nov. 9, 1858, married 1882, Laura, daughter of Ebenezer Gilbert, Jr. She died 1884, leaving one son. He married again and lost his second wife.

This designation was neatly lettered over the door of the New Canaan stage, which Beardsley, brother-in-law of the proprietor, usually drove. With the smack of the whip he rounded into Haynes Ridge or spirited along Church Hill, collecting his early morning complement of New York passengers who, when the "Old Well landing" was reached, and the steamboat boarded, always found the brass rail which fronted the "Captain's office" polished like unto gold and the "Ladies' Saloon," where Margaret Holmes presided, a model of neatness. Capt. Peck had a pleasant greeting for these men who, hailing from as great a distance even as The Oblong, were "feeders" of the line. After the New Haven road was opened, Linus Benedict built up quite a little business traffic between New Canaan and Norwalk.

Almadurus Brower came from Westport to Norwalk and was here employed by Charles Partrick. At this time there was no stage communication with New Canaan, but Mr. Partrick had the contract for a horseback mail thither. As Brower was occasionally solicited by the New Canaan manufacturers to take small packages to Norwalk, it occurred to him to purchase a horse and "run" a sort of "express" once every week-day to and from the former town. From this beginning he gradually built up a livery business, and established a line to the Norwalk steamboat. The business finally assumed no mean proportions and one Hickox entered the arena. Wm. E. Dann of High Ridge, (1896, Norwalk) also founded a New Canaan livery establishment somewhat later. Mr. Dann operated the New Canaan and Darien route and was responsible for the transportation of the U. S. mail between these two points. So influential were the efforts of Samuel St. John, of New Canaan, that the mail was now taken from the train at Stamford, rather than Darien. This broke up the Darien stage

\*"Norwalk James" was called upon to assist in locating the ancient boundary between Fairfield and Norwalk. There is direct record to this effect.

<sup>4</sup>This name (see N. T. R.) was early given to a diversified

land-stretch lying to the east of Canoe Hill. It would have been called in England a "wold."

A portion of this slightly domain, nine miles north of "Whitney's Mill," is to-day held by the Keeler descendants.



coach,<sup>1</sup> preceeded and followed by a line of private conveyances, contributed, at morn and eve, to a bustle-exhibition thereat. Mr. Hanford here built a commodious but neat appearing home establishment. His wife was one of the four daughters of Henry and Rebecca (Fitch) Betts. Henry Betts, son of Peter, and grandson of John, who was son of John, son of Thomas<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Betts, the settlers, married Feb. 12, 1794, Rebecca, born Jan. 31, 1771, only daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Marvin) Fitch, and the sister of Samuel M., Jonathan and Henry Fitch. Henry<sup>2</sup> and Rebecca Betts daughter Harriet (Mrs. Thomas C. Hanford), was the youngest of the children. Her brother was Daniel F. Betts, and her sisters were Rebecca (Mrs. Charles Isaacs), Susan (Mrs. Thomas Benedict), Henrietta (Mrs. Charles Mallory) and Sarah Esther,<sup>3</sup> who was unmarried. Thomas C. and Harriet B. Hanford had:

Sarah Esther (Mrs. Judge A. B. Woodward); Mary E. (Mrs. John T. Henderson); Rebecca F. (Mrs. Charles Ostrom); Thomas Cook, Jr.; Henry B.; Zalmon Burr; died in infancy.

Sarah Esther, born Aug. 11, 1835, daughter of Thomas C. and Harriet B. Hanford, married, June 8, 1859, Asa B. Woodward, and had:

route and as the Norwalk line had for some time been vacant, Linus Benedict came into the field. Through the help of William Mallory of Norwalk, and Major Burrell of Westport, a horse was procured from across the State line, and as Frederick St. John of Norwalk, gave the harness and George Fancher, a wagon builder, accepted easy terms for the vehicle, the Norwalk and New Canaan passenger and parcel enterprise was revived. Mr. Benedict continued, for a number of years in the business, and was succeeded by Col. Watson. The venerable Linus Benedict is to-day residing, at an advanced age, in Norwalk. He is the son of Nehemiah and Polly (St John) Benedict, and has had a varied life-experience. When a young man he was an overseer of the Albany and Schenectady Railroad and had charge of a construction gang. It was made his duty to see that the tracks (wooden) were always in order. The coaches were drawn by horses—"Fat as seals and gay as larks"—in tandem. It was during Mr. Benedict's proprietorship of the Norwalk and New Canaan route that the Norwalk draw-bridge disaster befel, at which casualty Mr. Benedict rendered efficient service.

"Colored John" was the trusty conductor of this coach. He was a knight of the whip and a knight of the step. Mr. Partrick's coach was entered by leather-covered, carpeted stairs, which folded closely together. When "John" reined in his horses to receive or discharge passengers, he dismounted from his high seat with alacrity and with perceptible grace unfolded and folded up again the tapestried series of foot-rests. He was an excellent

driver and a general favorite with the traveling public. His reputation was at its height at the time of the Peck's command of the Norwalk and New York steamboat route, prior to the construction of the New York and New Haven railroad.

<sup>2</sup>John White and Jemima Tyler were married in Bedford, Aug. 23, 1733. They had three children, John, Sarah and Jemima. Sarah, born March 19, 1741, married Peter Betts, born Oct. 31, 1739, son of John<sup>2</sup>, born 1692, and Damaris (Lockwood) Betts, which John Betts<sup>2d</sup> was a son of John Betts<sup>1st</sup>, born 1650, who was a son of Thomas Betts the settler. Peter and Sarah Betts' son Henry, born Nov. 23, 1766, married Feb. 12, 1794, Rebecca, daughter of Daniel Fitch and sister of the three brothers, Samuel M., Henry and Jonathan, who built the three near-by homes, two of which (Gov. Fitch and Oscar W. Raymond houses) remain. The third stood next south of Mr. O. W. Raymond's home.

<sup>3</sup>This unmarried Betts daughter was an intimate friend of Catherine, daughter of Thomas Benedict, who, with his Waterbury wife, were the highly regarded tenants of the old "Benedict House" which stood on the present West avenue a little southwest of the 1896 residence of Hon. E. J. Hill. It being, in Miss Betts' day, customary to sail by sloop to the city, this lady on one occasion asked a Norwalk friend to make the trip with her. The vessel, however, was for three days becalmed, and albeit the Saugatuck packet, which was in the same predicament, was lashed to the Norwalk boat, thus affording opportunity for a delightful interchange of civilities, still the ladies grew weary of the long voyage to town.





Mary Hanford, born Nov. 11, 1860; married April 15, 1885, Arthur G. Earle. He died March 5, 1894.

Sarah Lucia, born June 29, 1866; married Nov. 1, 1893, Frederick W. Hoyt.

Anna Burr; born Jan. 2, 1870.

Harriet Isabel, born March 17, 1872; married Apr. 30, 1890, Howard de Forest Earle, who died May 23, 1896.

Louise Brinckerhoff; born July 23, 1874.

George Lucius; born Oct. 7, 1878.

Mrs. Asa B. Woodward died June 24, 1882.

Arthur G. and Mary H. Earle had: Alice Louise, born Nov. 15, 1886.

Howard de F. and Harriet I. Earle had: Harry Woodward, born June 21, 1893;

Children of John T. and Mary E. Henderson: Harriet B.; Charles Hanford; one young.

Charles and Rebecca Ostrom had one daughter.

Thomas Cook Hanford, Jr. left one son.

Henry B. Hanford married Alice Browning of Camden, N. J.

#### HOME-LOT IX.

Richard Webb, of Home-lot ix, with Elizabeth, his wife, came with the pioneers to Norwalk. One of the same name embarked in July, 1635, on board the "Primrose", at Gravesend, England, who, born in 1599, started from the Old World for Virginia. Richard Webb of Norwalk was found in Hartford in 1639. He was a 1650 Ludlow "Agreement Norwalk settler, and had assigned to him four acres in the near vicinity of what is now the East Norwalk site of the Consolidated road's station for west bound trains. Mr. Webb was one of the earliest of the pioneers to be removed by death. He left a wife, Elizabeth, and the family was small. He seems to have had a namesake son, Richard<sup>2d</sup>, born 1623, who was early found in Stamford. In 1654 the Norwalk mill, No. 1, proved a failure, and Richard Webb was one of a committee of three to whom was intrusted the arrangement of mill matters. Richard Webb<sup>2d</sup> died March 15, 1675-6, some five years before the first Mrs. Richard Webb's death, Jan. 24, 1680. Mrs. Elizabeth Webb made no legacy mention of Richard of Stamford, nor of his wife Margery nor children. She named Bartholomew Barnard, "by virtue of right of his wife, her father, Birchard, having right both deceased, Elizabeth Webb and her husband Richard", and named, in addition, Richard Holmes, by reason of his wife's right. She also remembered her pastor, Rev. Thomas Hanford. After Mr. and Mrs. Webb's decease the name is an infrequent one in Norwalk, but from the Stamford Richard some of the most influential of that town's families have sprung. The Court appointed, March 16, 1681, Mrs. Webb's "beloved brother".



John Gregory, administrator of her estate. Richard Webb, Jr., of Stamford, left wife Margery and children Richard, Joseph, Joshua, Samuel, Caleb, Sarah and Jonathan. The youngest was born April 12, 1675.

### HOME-LOT X.

Matthew Marvin, Sr., of Home-lot No. x, was one of the most distinguished of the Norwalk fathers. He was born in England in 1600, and died in Norwalk in 1680. With his wife Elizabeth and five children, Matthew, Jr., Elizabeth, Maria, Sarah and Hannah, he embarked in 1635 for the New World, and after a residence in Main Street, Hartford, where were born Abigail, Samuel and Rachel, he came, accompanied by several of his children, to Norwalk. Here he was assigned the New England home-lot of honor, the lot viz., nearest to the sanctuary, (H. M. Prowitt 1896). He was "assistant" magistrate and an influential citizen. His daughters Elizabeth, Maria and Sarah had elsewhere married, and did not, consequently, accompany their parents hither. Elizabeth had married Dr. John Olmsted of Hartford,<sup>1</sup> Maria, Richard Bushnell of Saybrook,<sup>2</sup> and Sarah, William Goodrich<sup>3</sup> of Wethersfield, and were non-Norwalk located. Matthew, Jr., the oldest child, had set out to him the home-lot that adjoined his father's on the rear, and extended south to the present Fort Point Street. The children of Matthew, Sr. became at once identified with the new settlement. Hannah, who was an infant of twelve months when her father and mother stepped from Capt. Lea's ship, "Increase" upon American soil, and who was a miss of about sixteen when the family reached Norwalk, married Thomas, son of Richard Seymour. As every one of the early Seymours, except Thomas, left the new Norwalk colony, Hannah Marvin, wife of Thomas Seymour, became ancestress of the town's Seymour constituency. Abigail, sister of Hannah Marvin, married in Norwalk, on the first day of June, 1657, the supposed Huguenot, John Bouton, and was an American progenitress of that numerous and notable family. Rachel, youngest of Matthew Marvin, Sr.'s children, and who was about three years old when the Marvins located in Norwalk, grew to marry Samuel Smith of Norwalk. These were all of Matthew, Sr.'s girls, and they constituted a "host". Of the two boys, Matthew, Jr. and Samuel, the second probably filled a

<sup>1</sup>Dr. John Olmsted is supposed to have been own brother to Richard Olmsted, the Norwalk settler. Dr. Olmsted was a Hartford settler, but he removed to Norwich where he died. His wife, Elizabeth Marvin, survived him, and at death left two thousand Norwich acres to her two Norwalk nephews, Lieuts. James and John Olmsted, the founders of so many of this town's families to-day.

<sup>2</sup>Maria Marvin was twice married. On Oct. 11, 1644, she married Richard Bushnell, and had four children. She was nineteen years old at her first marriage. In 1660, she married, second, Deacon Thomas

Adgate of Saybrook. She survived her last husband five years and died at the age of eighty-four.

<sup>3</sup>From this union sprang a goodly portion of the large Goodrich family. Sarah Marvin was married just before her father came to Norwalk. Her son, David<sup>1st</sup>, born May 4, 1667, married Hannah Wright. Their son, David<sup>2d</sup>, born Dec. 8, 1694, married Hepzibah Boardman, who had Elizur, born Oct. 18, 1734, who married Katharine Chauncey, who had Samuel, born Jan. 12, 1763, who married Elizabeth Ely, and had Samuel G., born August 19, 1790, who was the noted PETER PARLEY.



father's grave, but the family did not permit him to altogether die, and the old house,<sup>1</sup> still standing, (the late Daniel Fitch house in East Norwalk) preserves the child's scriptural and excellent name. Little Samuel's brother, Matthew, Jr., lives all over Norwalk to-day. Matthew Marvin, Sr., married, late in life, Alice Kellogg. All his children, however, were Elizabeth, his first and English wife. His homestead went to his namesake grandson, Matthew<sup>3d</sup>, son of Matthew<sup>2d</sup>, which Matthew<sup>3d</sup> married Rhoda, daughter of Mark and Elizabeth (Stanley) St. John. Of the father of Matthew<sup>2d</sup>, viz., Matthew Marvin, Sr., the founder of the Norwalk Marvin house, it may safely be affirmed that he was one of the colonial "Roll of Honor" men; men concerning whom it has been justly said:

"They had no model, but they left us one;  
On their strong lines we base our social health;  
The man, the home, the town, the commonwealth."

#### A NORWALK-MARVIN DESCENT.

Samuel Marvin<sup>2d</sup>, son of Matthew<sup>2d</sup>, and grandson of Matthew Marvin, Sr., who was the "Assistant Magistrate" settler, had a son Matthew who was born in the autumn of 1722-3. At about the age of thirty said Matthew married Elizabeth Clark of the old town of Ripton. He was not destined to long life and on Dec. 3, 1744-5 drew his will. He will named five sons, and intimates a posthumous birth. This birth occurred in the family shortly after the father's decease, and the name of Ichabod was given to the child. To Matthew and Elizabeth Marvin was born Jan. 29, 1737, a boy who was to fill out seventy years of human life and to be a character in his day. When this lad, Osias, had reached twenty-five years of age he sought a bride in the old Joseph Lockwood family of "Pudding Lane" (now Main Street) and on Nov. 26, 1761, Osias and Sarah were married. Deducting seven years of palsy on the part of Ozias (Capt.), there was still left nearly forty years, after reaching majority, of active service, and although his father had on Dec. 3, 1744 bequeathed his "silver headed sword" to his (Ozias) brother Matthew (probably for his name) yet Ozias, himself an ardent patriot in Revolutionary days. With his Norwalk wife, Sarah, who overlived him twenty-one years, he resided on the site of the present John Marvin house on the Connecticut turnpike, two or three-quarter miles west of the Westport bridge. In the days of "76" he there kept a hotel. The house at that day was at the southwest turn of the road towards Norwalk (the shortened cut through Peat

<sup>1</sup>Matthew Marvin<sup>2d</sup>, son of Matthew<sup>1st</sup> and brother of the young Samuel<sup>1st</sup>, who met an early death, had his second son for this departed brother. This Samuel<sup>2d</sup> was, in 1718, a member of the Connecticut Court. He had a son, Samuel<sup>3d</sup>, who married, Dec. 25, 1735, Deborah Clark. These had a daughter, Rebecca, born March 19, 1738-9, who married Daniel, son of Samuel and Susannah Fitch, brother and sis-

ter-in-law of Gov. Thomas Fitch. Daniel and Rebecca (Marvin) Fitch were the parents of the three brothers, Samuel M., Henry and Jonathan Fitch. The late Daniel Fitch (father of the 1896 Daniel Warren Fitch) lived upon his Marvin ancestors' property, and the Marvin association of the venerable still remaining building is a worthy one. The house occupies a site neighbor to the old Thos. Barnum home.





Swamp was not then built) and it was a convenient spot for an inn. Washington on one of his eastern trips called at the house and after partaking of refreshment one of the landlord's daughters, Esther (afterward Mrs. Isaac Church) came into the apartment. The soldier advanced to warmly greet the little lady, but his uniform or military appearance or something of the sort seemed to frighten her and she shrank back from the general. "Tut tut, my little miss," exclaimed the future President, humorously adding that she might live to be sorry for her shyness.

Capt. Ozias built for his son Joseph L., born on the last day of the year 1772, and named for the boy's maternal grandparent, the house standing in 1896, a little south of the old Capt. Ozias home and occupied to-day by George Nash. Here was born on Nov. 20, 1804, to Joseph L.<sup>1</sup> and Clarissa Meeker Marvin, one of Norwalk's good and just men, the late William Marvin of East Norwalk. When William, son of Joseph L. Marvin was thirty-one years of age, he left Westport and established himself upon his original ten acres on the east Side of Charles Creek, "Down Town." The day that he drove with his wife and one child, Josiah R., to his new home, in which he was to prove a man of industry and unswerving integrity, was the date of the great fire in December 1835, in New York city. He married, 1832, Amanda, daughter of Josiah and Clara (Mott) Raymond and had:

Josiah Raymond;

William E.

Josiah Raymond, son of William and Amanda Marvin, married, Sept. 5, 1861, Mary Matilda, daughter of James and Matilda (Keeler) Wallace, and had:

Clara Elizabeth, born Nov. 20, 1862;

James Wallace, born Sept. 6, 1865;

William Raymond, born Jan. 6, 1870; died Aug. 23, 1870.

William E., son of William and Amanda Marvin, married, Dec. 27, 1882, Orie Anna Louisa, daughter of Albert J. and Julia M. (Jones) Steele, and had:

Mary Louise, born May 7, 1887;

Orie Anna, born May 5, 1890.

William Marvin made his first Norwalk purchase of John Eversley. The Rev. Edwin Hall, D.D., who became the Congregational pastor two or three years before Mr.

<sup>1</sup>Those who recall the fourth church built by the Norwalk First Congregational Society, which edifice stood on the lower portion of the Norwalk Green, and was taken down in about 1849, may remember the vehicle that, during the hours of morning and afternoon service, occupied the green sward immediately in the rear of the structure and between the church and the roadway. This was Joseph Lockwood Marvin's conveyance. Hither, from his Saugatuck home, he came, on Sunday, to worship. Between the two services there was a noon intermission of one hour in winter, and five quarter hours in summer. This recess afforded opportunity for the members of the

congregation to greet each other. The thoughtfulness of Mr. Marvin was evidenced by the bunch of hay, brought from home, and placed in the spot referred to, for beast use.

On the north-west corner of this church stood an allighting-block of native granite. Miss Phæbe Comstock of Silver Mine, accompanied by her slave, Onesimus, would, as did others, drive up to this stone and dismount preparatory to sanctuary-entrance. "Onesimus" sat in "Miss Phæbe's" corner pew and was, in the last years of his long life, a patriarch picture. The view from the Phæbe Comstock home-site is to-day commanding.



Marvin's Norwalk arrival, was fond of visiting the Marvin marine farm, and as the same was at that day of small acreage the thoughts of the host and guest turned toward the ample fields of the west. Mr. Marvin, nevertheless, joined gradually lot to lot, until he died possessed of one of the fairest domains in southwestern New England. This typical citizen inherited and transmitted the solid virtues of an excellent ancestry. His two sons, Josiah R. and William E., have succeeded to his large landed estate.

#### A SARATOGA NORWALK-MARVIN MENTION.

Lieut. Samuel Marvin<sup>1</sup> (son of Matthew<sup>2d</sup> who was son of Matthew<sup>1st</sup>) was brought up near the East Norwalk handsome south meadow now belonging to H. M. Prowitt. The composition of the youth's home was somewhat remarkable. Of Samuel's mother, who may have been born in England, we only know that her name was Mary, but of his brothers and sisters we are well informed. Of his sisters, Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth and Marcy, married respectively, such prominent settlers as Thomas Betts, Jr., Epenetus Platt, Joseph Platt, and William Haynes (second wife). Samuel,<sup>1st</sup> one of the three sons of Matthew<sup>2d</sup>, had a son, Josiah<sup>1st</sup> who married, Elizabeth, born June 4th, 1714, daughter of David<sup>1st</sup> and Martha (Blagge) DeForest and grand-daughter of "Great Burgher" Isaac DeForest and his wife Sarah DuTrieux, (see Burlock-Warren-DeForest addendum, page 278). By this wife Josiah Marvin<sup>1st</sup> appears to have had Josiah<sup>2d</sup>, Daniel, William, Jared and John. One or more of his daughters, Sarah, Lucy and Hannah (Mrs. Stephen Keeler)<sup>2</sup> may possibly have been by an after wife, Sarah Sturges.

William, born March 24, 1740, son of Josiah<sup>1st</sup> and Elizabeth Marvin, married, Nov. 10, 1767, Susanna Wright, and had William<sup>2d</sup>, born Oct. 19, 1768. Said William<sup>2d</sup> who married, March 5, 1793, Mary Benedict, was the father of Thomas J. and Hon. James M. Marvin, whose Saratoga Springs United States Hotel property is of world-wide celebrity.

#### HOME-LOT XI.

Richard Seymour<sup>1st</sup>, found in Dr. Hawes' Catalogue of Hartford settlers in 1639, came in the early fifties of the seventeenth century to Norwalk.<sup>3</sup> His name is affixed to

<sup>1</sup>Samuel, son of Matthew Marvin<sup>2d</sup>, had a brother John, who, by his second wife (Rachel, daughter of Matthias St. John) had a son Joseph, born May 29, 1724, who married Catharine, one of the three daughters and only children of Matthias and Elizabeth St. John. The other children were Elizabeth (Mrs. John Abbot) and Hannah (Mrs. Lemuel Rogers.) After the decease, in 1748-9, of Matthias St. John, his widow married Nehemiah, son of John Gregory<sup>3d</sup>, son of John<sup>2d</sup>, son of John<sup>1st</sup>. This brought the Cranberry Plains Matthias St. John property into the Gregory

name. Nehemiah was the brother of Stephen Gregory, who married Mary, daughter of John Benedict, and had Susanna, born April 17, 1776, who married, first, Lewis Grumman, and second, Allen Hayes Betts, father of Allen Betts of Newtown Avenue, 1896. The original Grummans were from Fairfield.

<sup>2</sup>Hannah Marvin (Mrs. Stephen Keeler) may have taken her great-aunt, Hannah Blagge's, name. It is possible that Josiah Marvin<sup>1st</sup> married, first, the widow Hannah Blagge. The Josiah Marvin sons, however, were not by this union.





the Ludlow agreement-articles of June 19, 1650, and he was one of the parties present at the Runkingheage transaction of Feb. 15, 1651.

He was assigned the four eligible acres at the south-east angle of the "Town Street" and the highway to "Fayerfield," the corner, in 1896, of East Avenue and Fitch Street. With his next door neighbor, Richard Webb, he was chosen "Townsmen" in 1655, but his Norwalk life was short, and he was probably the first settler to die in that office. Mrs. Seymour remained a widow a brief period, and married, second, Hon. John Steele of Hartford, a member of the upper house of the General Court of Connecticut, an early secretary of the new government, and a prominent colonist. She left Norwalk for her new home, taking the three youngest children, John, Zachary and Richard<sup>2d</sup>, and gave the Norwalk property to her oldest son, Thomas. This son, who was nearly of age when the family here arrived, had married, the year previous to his father's decease, a young English girl, Hannah, daughter of one of the new settlements best founders, Matthew Marvin, Sr.

Richard Seymour<sup>1st</sup> executed his will July 29, 1655, and died within the next three months. He had appointed his wife and his "faithful friend" Richard Olmsted administrators, leaving everything to his aforementioned children, and commissioning his wife to take charge of the estates of the three younger boys "until such time as they shall be fit to receive and dispose of" the same. Mrs. Steele sought the welfare of her Seymour offspring, as did also her second husband. On Oct. 13, 1668, thirteen years after the decease of Mr. Seymour and four years after that of Mr. Steele, the three lads, now arrived at majority, were paid the "full and just" amount due them, and acknowledged before Samuel Steele and their brother Thomas that they were "fully satisfied." From the first of this trio of youths, bereft at an age when they most needed it, of a father's counsel, but still judiciously cared for, have descended well-known New England and New York families.

John,<sup>1st</sup> the oldest of the three and quite probably in his teens when he left Norwalk, married in Hartford. His first son, John, born June 12, 1666, had several children, among whom was Moses, born Feb. 17, 1710-11. This son, Moses, was the father of Major Moses Seymour of Revolutionary note, who, marrying Mary, daughter of Ebenezer Marsh of Litchfield, had Ozias, born July 8, 1776, who was the father of Origen Storrs Seymour (a Litchfield lawyer and U. S. Congressman) and of Horatio Seymour, LL.D., and of Henry Seymour, born May 30, 1780, who was the father of Gov. Horatio Seymour of New York.

Thomas, first born of Richard Seymour<sup>1st</sup>, remained in Norwalk, and married, as has been stated, Hannah Marvin, who was marriage-linked with such families as the Bushnells, Adgates, Goodriches and Curtises of Connecticut.

The children of Thomas<sup>1st</sup> and Hannah Seymour, from whom the Seymour blood in Norwalk to-day is derived, were :

Hannah, born Dec. 12, 1654, married Francis Bushnell.

Abigail, born Jan. 1656, married Thomas Pickett.



Mary, {  
Sarah, { twins.

Thomas<sup>2d</sup>, born 1660; probably died young.

Elizabeth, born Dec., 1663.

Maria, born 1666.

Matthew<sup>1st</sup>, born May, 1669.

John<sup>2d</sup>, born 1672.<sup>1</sup>

Rebecca, born 1675.

It will be seen that the only two sons of Thos. Seymour<sup>1st</sup>, who Norwalk-perpetuated the Seymour name, were Matthew<sup>1st</sup> and John<sup>2d</sup>. The lines from these two brothers are distinctly traced.

Matthew<sup>1st</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>1st</sup> and Hannah Seymour, married Sarah, daughter of Samuel (see page 88) Hayes, and had:

Matthew<sup>2d</sup>, bap. (see page 88) in Fairfield, Oct. 7, 1694; went to Ridgefield.<sup>2</sup>

Samuel, bap. Nov. 17, 1694; went to Stamford.

Thomas<sup>2d</sup>; went to Canaan parish.

Jehiel; went to Huntington, L. I.<sup>3</sup>

Hannah; married Nathan St. John of Ridgefield.

Elizabeth; married Eleazer Bouton of Stamford.

Ruth; married Jabez Smith of Ridgefield.

Sarah; married, presumably, a Bouton.

<sup>1</sup>John Seymour<sup>1st</sup>, left Norwalk in 1655 with his mother and stepfather Steele.

<sup>2</sup>The child (Matthew Seymour<sup>2d</sup>) son of Matthew<sup>1st</sup> and Sarah (Hayes) Seymour, and whose baptism is mentioned in the last text line on page 88, settled in Ridgefield, of which place his father was one of the purchasers in 1708. Here he appears to have had several children, among whom was Thomas who married Sarah, born March 1, 1733, daughter of Thomas and Ruth (Benedict) Rockwell. This son, Thomas, had a farm on the west side of the old Ridgefield and Norwalk road, but a short distance from the present Ridgefield Fair Grounds. Thomas and Sarah Seymour had: Thomas, Matthew, Abijah, Jeremiah, Ruth, Hannah and Sally, the last of whom died unmarried. Thomas married an Olmsted, Matthew a Gregory, Abijah a Hine, Jeremiah a Kellogg, Ruth a Pratt and Hannah a Lockwood. Mrs. Hannah (Seymour) Lockwood's husband, (Gershom Lockwood) was a son of Michael Lockwood, Sr., and a brother of Michael, Jr., who was the father of the late Carmi Lockwood of Norwalk. Gershom Lockwood and his wife planted themselves in the still standing old fashioned comfortable house somewhat east of the Lewisboro, N. Y., St. John's Chapel on the road leading to Bald Hill. They had two children, Rufus and

Betsey. Betsey, born May 28, 1799, married Samuel, son of Cornelius and Rebecca (Dann) Campfield and grandson of Jabez Campfield. These had: Rufus L., Mary (Mrs. Peter Hoyt), Emily (unmarried), Samuel A. and Eli, who died in infancy. Mrs. Betsey (Lockwood) Campfield resides in Lewisboro with her widower son, Rufus L., and her grandson Frank A. Campfield. She is (1896) ninety-seven years old and her faculties are remarkably preserved.

Rufus Lockwood, brother of Betsey (Mrs. Samuel Campfield) and son of Gershom Lockwood, married Sally Maria, born July 12, 1819, daughter of Samuel O. and Deborah (Campfield) Raymond. Sally Maria Raymond was the sister of the late Ebenezer W. Raymond of Lewisboro, N. Y. The children of Rufus and Sally Maria Raymond were: Samuel, John, Joseph and Frances, mother of the 1896 Justice Stephen G. Seymour of Lewisboro, N. Y. Stephen G. Seymour is a son of Rufus, who was a son of Samuel, who was a son of Thomas<sup>2d</sup>. (of Ridgefield), who was a son of Thomas<sup>1st</sup> and Sarah (Rockwell) Seymour of Ridgefield. Mr. S. G. Seymour has two children, a son, (who married a daughter of Joseph Crawford of New Canaan), and a daughter.

<sup>3</sup>Jehiel Seymour, on March 13, 1738-9, sold for £457. 12s. to Peter White who had recently removed



Catharine; died probably unmarried.

Susanna; married Josiah Rusco.

Daniel <sup>1st</sup>.

Note that the only two sons of Matthew <sup>1st</sup> and Sarah Seymour who remained in Norwalk were Thomas Seymour <sup>2d</sup> and Daniel <sup>1st</sup>.

John <sup>2d</sup>, son of Thomas <sup>1st</sup> and Hannah Seymour, married Sarah, daughter of Jachin and grand-daughter of John Gregory, Sr., and had :

John <sup>3d</sup>.

Mary; married Thomas Hanford.

Sarah; married Daniel Trowbridge.

Abigail; married, Nov. 5, 1729, John Selleck of Stamford.

Rebecca; married first July 6, 1734, Elijah Whitney; married second John Bouton of Danbury.

Martha; married Samuel Jarvis.<sup>1</sup>

John Seymour <sup>3d</sup>, son of John <sup>2d</sup> and Sarah (Gregory) Seymour, married Ruth, daughter of William and Margaret Belden. This Seymour-Belden alliance was not only the mingling of strong New England blood, but on account of the Belden sufferings and sacrifices in King William's French, Indian and American troubles, entitles every descendant to "Colonial Wars" recognition.

William Belden, born 1671, (nephew of the first John and Samuel Belden of Norwalk) was the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Foote) Belden of Deerfield, Mass. Daniel and Elizabeth were married Nov. 10, 1660. Mrs. Belden's father was Nathaniel Foote <sup>2d</sup>, son of Nathaniel Foote <sup>1st</sup> who had married, in 1615, in England, Elizabeth Deming, sister of John Deming, Sr., one of the fathers of Wethersfield, Conn. Nathaniel Foote <sup>1st</sup> died in this country, in 1646, and his widow married Gov. Thomas Wells. She died, July 28, 1683. Her grand-daughter, Mrs. Daniel Belden <sup>1st</sup>, bequeathed Deming-Foote (a notable union) blood to a large number of Norwalk citizens to-day.

On Sept. 16, 1696, a company of "French Mohawks" made an attack upon Daniel and Elizabeth Belden's Deerfield homestead. It was "lecture day," and the people, in

from Stamford to Norwalk some twenty-six and one-half acres of land occupied at present in part by the Norwalk Armory and also the now vacant lot on West Avenue southeast of the Armory. A barn and the frame of a dwelling house stood upon the land at the time of its purchase by Mr. White, who there erected his home and also a shop for the manufacture of silverware. The shop stood where now is built the Connecticut turnpike. The year of said Seymour's sale to said White was the year of the latter's marriage to Elizabeth Jarvis. The oldest child by this union was Samuel, born July 13, 1740. This son married Nov. 1769, Huldah Sanford and had two sons (Samuel <sup>2d</sup>,

born Feb. 6, 1772; and Stephen, born May 13, 1775). He had three daughters (Elizabeth, b. Dec. 12, 1772; Sarah, born Jan. 27, 1784; Huldah, born July 6, 1785.) James was born Jan. 21, 1790. After the birth of the two sons and daughter first named, the senior Mrs. Samuel White died, on June 1, 1778, and Mr. White married, second, in Jan. 1781, Rebecca Pickett. To the three daughters of Samuel White, their grandfather, Peter, bequeathed on April 9, 1802, the twelve front acres of his purchase of March 13, 1738. His oldest grand-daughter, Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel, had married Noah, son of Hezekiah and Mary Jarvis.

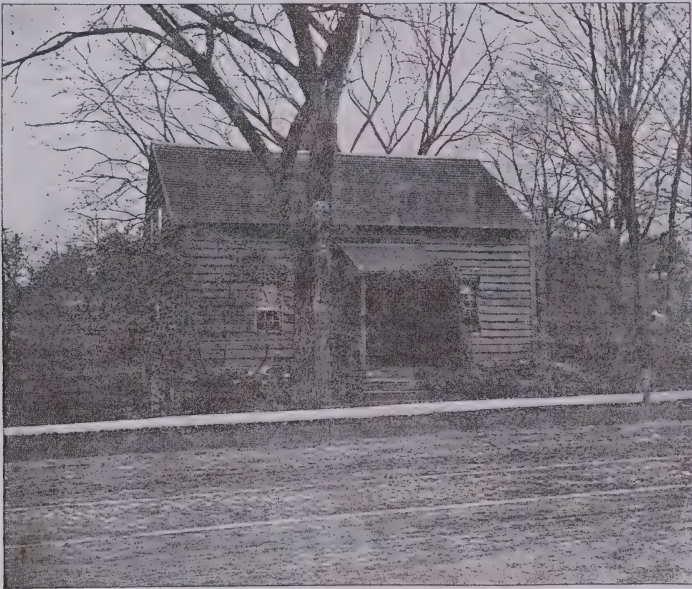
<sup>1</sup>Samuel Jarvis <sup>2d</sup>, who married Martha Seymour,





order that they might be present in season at the meeting house, worked, that day, near home. Daniel Belden, hastened to public worship, but, with several children, was taken prisoner on the way. One of these prisoner-children (William) married Margaret, daughter of William Arms, and was the progenitor of many Norwalk descendants.

John Seymour<sup>4th</sup>, son of John<sup>3d</sup> and Ruth Seymour, (daughter of Wm. and Margaret Belden) married Rebecca Keeler, and lived on the recent John Sammis, now the remodeled McMahon place on West Ave. In 1779 Gen. Garth burned the there standing Seymour house, and its proprietor threw together for a shelter the house below shown (corner West Avenue and Cedar Street) which was not removed until 1896.<sup>1</sup>



THE SAMMIS HOUSE, 1779-1896.

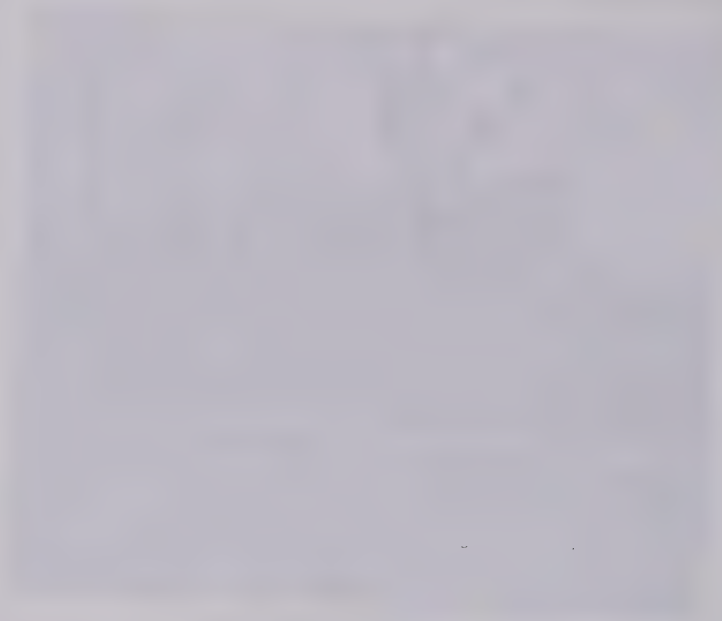
The above structure was intended to serve the purpose of a transient accommoda-

was the brother of Rt. Rev. Abraham Jarvis the second Bishop of Connecticut. These two sons of Capt. Samuel<sup>1st</sup> and Naomi (Brush) Jarvis were brought up in the meadow home in the present Raymond Street, East Norwalk, a few rods north of the residence of Edmund Smith. Samuel and his Seymour wife lived in Stamford. His father had removed from Huntington, L. I., to Norwalk in early manhood, and the bride's father was of the old Norwalk Seymour stock. They had a number of Stamford children, one of whom, Lavinia, born Oct. 5, 1761, married Rev. Ambrose Todd, who was the father of Rev. Ambrose S.

Todd, rector for forty years of St. John's Church, Stamford. The Rev. Charles J. Todd, brother of Rev. Ambrose S., married a daughter of George Cannon, Sr., of Wilton.

Another brother of Samuel Jarvis<sup>2d</sup> was the venerable Hezekiah Jarvis who lived opposite St. Paul's Church and was the father of Rev. William Jarvis, (father of Mrs. Col. Samuel Colt of Hartford) and of his sisters, the Misses Sarah, Lavinia, Amelia and Mary, who so long occupied the "Jarvis Corner," (Newtown Avenue and Westport Road.)

<sup>1</sup>This ancient building was torn down in 1896 to



*[Faint, illegible text, possibly a signature or date, appearing as a horizontal line of light blue ink.]*

tion while the new house was in process of erection over the ashes of the old home. Mr. Seymour died before the work was accomplished and the property was bought from the heirs and built upon by his grandson, (son of his daughter Ruth who married Augustus Sammis) the to-day remembered John S. Sammis who so long kept a store on the little hill opposite his house, now a lower section of the Matthews West Avenue property, and whose aged widow, Mrs. Nancy W. Sammis, survived until a recent date. John<sup>4th</sup> and Rebecca Seymour had nine children. (See Seymour lineage.)

Seth Seymour, second son of John<sup>3d</sup>. and Ruth Seymour, married Anna, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Lockwood) Benedict, the oldest daughter of which Seth and Anna was named (Anna) for her mother, and married Lewis Mallory. Lewis Mallory was the father of Charles, James, and Alfred Mallory, and of their sisters (Mary Esther) Mrs. Algernon E. Beard, and Harriet (Mrs. Geo. H. Hulen). Lewis Mallory resided in the fine old-fashioned East Avenue dwelling, subsequently the property of George W. Betts. Mr. Mallory, who was an infant when Norwalk was burned, died July 21, 1848. His wife survived him, ending her days with her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Beard. The "Meeting-House Hill," John (brother of Lewis) Mallory property has become, in 1896, the ownership of a grand-nephew of John Mallory, Rev. Augustus F. Beard, D.D., whose new purchase covers the ancient "Common," and the site of the second church built in Norwalk.

William, the third son of John<sup>3d</sup>. and Ruth Seymour, married Jan. 6, (Little Christmas) 1757, Lydia, daughter of Moses, the son of James St. John. This couple lived in rural quiet at the foot of Flax Hill. The Seymour yard was handsome with flowers as was the yard at "The Bridge" of Mrs. Seymour's sister, (Mrs. Capt. Jabez Gregory) with vegetation. Their son Belden, named for his grandmother, removed to Vermont, where he to-day has influential representation. Their daughter Mary (Polly) married Lieut. Finch Gildersleeve of the Continental Army. The Lieut. had charge of artillery when Danbury and Norwalk were burned. His parents were Benjamin and Elizabeth (Huntington) Gildersleeve of Long Island. In 1791 himself and wife Polly removed to a farm of some hundred acres in Dutchess County, N. Y. In this same year (Dec. 5, 1791) was born, in Dutchess County, their son, the late eminent Benjamin Gildersleeve, D.D. Dr. Gildersleeve was a classmate of Pliny Fiske, Benj. Chase and Dr. Beman. In 1845 he removed to Richmond, Va., where he bought the "Watchman of the South" from the Rev. William Plummer, D.D., who is well remembered in Norwalk. He changed the name of the paper to that of "Watchman and Observer," of which organ he was editor and proprietor. He

make room for the contemplated new residence of Col. Frost. The hill at the base of which it was built was formerly known as "Shovel Hill," and the path over it led, it is supposed, to a small Indian settlement at the present "Bull Run." The brook which flowed adown said hill has of late years been known as "Gosling Brook," upon which stream the Seymours of long ago seemed to have had a "malt" estab-

lishment. The brook was later utilized for hatting purposes by Charles Mallory and the brothers George W. and William H. Benedict. The geography of the declivity is now almost completely changed and the Sammis house picture, taken in the old one-track Norwalk Horse Railway days, will serve as a reminder of the past. The trolley system has gratefully transformed West Avenue.





married Sarah E. Elliott (Indian Apostle family) and here brought his bride, on his wedding trip, to visit his widowed mother and aged Seymour grandmother. The learned man has conferred honor upon his ancestral Norwalk. He is survived by Virginia children.

James Seymour, youngest son of John<sup>3d</sup>. and Ruth Seymour, married Rebecca, daughter of Matthew Keeler<sup>1st</sup>. Said Matthew was a grandson of Samuel and Sarah (St. John) Keeler and a great-grandson of Ralph Keeler the settler. James and Rebecca Seymour lived on a portion of the afterward West Avenue LeGrand Lockwood property. They here kept a public house and have distinct mention at this day. They had a large family and their descendants are easily traced.

James<sup>1st</sup> (youngest son of John<sup>3d</sup>. and Ruth Belden Seymour) and Rebecca (Keeler) Seymour had James<sup>2d</sup>., born March 16, 1775, who married, first, Feb. 3, 1799, Sarah, daughter of Seth and Elizabeth (Squire) Raymond of the present widow George A. Davenport home-site in Wilton, Conn. The children by this marriage<sup>1</sup> were, Giles, Anna<sup>1st</sup>., Charles, Ira, George, Harriet, Mary and Anna<sup>2d</sup>.. Of these daughters, Harriet and Anna<sup>2d</sup>.. are unmarried, and living to-day at the foot of Prospect Hill. The remaining sister, Mary, married Samuel Aymar, father of Mrs. Robert Van Buren now of West Avenue. (See Seymour lineage.) Of the brothers, Giles, who built the present First Congregational Church on The Green; married Rebecca Burr Guyer; Charles married Jane Wood of New York; Ira married Julia A., daughter of Dr. Percival. There was a son George, who has mention in the Seymour lineage.

John Seymour, born Feb. 24, 1796, youngest son of James<sup>1st</sup>. and Rebecca Seymour, married Sally, daughter of Hutton Smith, and was the father of the present Henry Seymour, whose West Avenue residence adjoins the "Hungry Spring" of ancient Norwalk. James<sup>1st</sup>. (father of John and James<sup>2d</sup>. Seymour) and his wife Rebecca represented the oldest Norwalk families. The two lived in what is recalled to-day as the West avenue Hotchkiss house, which stood (before the LeGrand Lockwood improvements) on the brow of "Sammis Hill" (obliterated by modern public and private topographical changes). The double maple row between the homes of James Seymour<sup>1st</sup>. and his son James<sup>2d</sup>., was a touch of "Castillian" shade. The entire town grew, perhaps, no more grateful noonday shadow. The house of James<sup>1st</sup>. was often frequented, as its second story offered room facilities for large gatherings. At one of these post-Revolutionary assemblies His Majesty's officials were guests. Approaching a Norwalk lady one of these gentlemen inquired of her as to the whereabouts of the people during the days of the town's burning. "O we all went to the woods" was the quick reply. A number of British officers seem, for some reason, to have been quartered in the vicinity of Old Well.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Married, second, Sarah Hanford.

<sup>2</sup>It is an old tradition that several of these officials while, for some purpose, temporarily quartered at "Old Well" were made the victims of a severe joke. It was the "melon" season and the foreign

young gentlemen were invited to look at a rather remarkable "yield." After wending their long journey from Flax Hill to the "Capt. Gregory" meadows (now West Main Street, Norwalk) the members of the party were pointed to a fine "pumpkin patch."



## A DOUBLE SEYMOUR "SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS" ELIGIBILITY.

## BELDEN.

- Gen. I.—DANIEL<sup>1st</sup>. AND ELIZABETH BELDEN.  
 " II.—WILLIAM AND MARGARET BELDEN.  
 " III.—JOHN<sup>3d</sup>. AND RUTH (BELDEN) SEYMOUR.  
 " IV.—JAMES SEYMOUR<sup>1st</sup>.

## KEELER.

- Gen. I.—RALPH KEELER.  
 " II.—SAMUEL<sup>1st</sup>. AND SARAH KEELER.  
 " III.—SAMUEL<sup>2d</sup>. AND SARAH (BETTS) KEELER.  
 " IV.—MATTHEW KEELER.

JAMES SEYMOUR<sup>1st</sup>. married February 13, 1774, Rebecca, daughter of MATTHEW KEELER.

**Daniel Belden**<sup>1st</sup>, (Hatfield and Deerfield, Mass., 1648-1731,) and his two children were captured in King William's War, Sept. 16, 1696, taken to Canada and returned in 1698. On the same day, viz: Sept. 16, 1696, his first wife, Elizabeth, and three children were killed by the savages: His second wife was captured and killed by the Indians during Queen Anne's War. Daniel Belden<sup>1st</sup> was appointed upon the committee of fortifications in this war with Col. Partridge. Reference, Sheldon's History of Deerfield, Mass., Vol. I.

**Samuel Keeler**<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk was in the Narragansett fight in King Philip's War, Dec. 19, 1675. Reference, Savage Gen. Dictionary, Vol. III., page 2.

All the descendants of John Seymour<sup>3d</sup>. and his son James<sup>1st</sup>. are (under organization restrictions) entitled to recognition by the Orders (male or female) of Colonial Wars, which fact opens an interesting Norwalk "Colonial Wars" study.

The Deerfield-Belden story is tragic. **Daniel Belden**, son of William, and brother of John<sup>1st</sup>. and Samuel Belden<sup>1st</sup>., the earliest of the name in Norwalk, was working in a field near his house in the autumn of 1696. It was a week day but the church was open for a special service, and Mr. Belden had prolonged his work until the hour for public worship was almost at hand. Hurrying to his house to make preparation for the service he saw his wife and two children killed on the spot by the Indians, while himself and two or three other children were made prisoners and taken to Canada. One boy, **Samuel**, was left in the field. The Indians dealt him a hatchet blow and supposed that he was dead. The child lived and established the Belden family of Ashfield, Mass. **A daughter hid herself in a bed of tobacco leaves and so was saved.** The family, for the time being, was broken up. The son William returned with his father and married Margaret, daughter of William Arms. William and Margaret came, naturally, to Norwalk where resided the married uncle John<sup>1st</sup>. and their bachelor uncle Samuel<sup>1st</sup>.. The husband and wife founded the Wilton branch of the Belden family and resided in the Pimpewaugh Valley. The mother gave birth to a number of children, among them Ruth, named in all probability for the child's cousin (the departed daughter of its uncle John) whose little grave (see page 88) is the earliest marked grave in the oldest cemetery in Norwalk. This Ruth married John Seymour<sup>3d</sup>., and was the ancestress of a long Norwalk Seymour-Belden line. The story of the Seymour occupation of Home-Lot XI., which home-lot proprietors barely introduce the Norwalk important Seymour lineage, very properly concludes with the Belden martyr-mention.



*HOME-LOT XI.—SUPPLEMENTAL.*JAMES ROGERS<sup>3d</sup>, OF NEW LONDON, AFTER-OCCUPANT IN PART.<sup>1</sup>MRS. NEHEMIAH ROGERS *nee* ELIZABETH FITCH.

(From a portrait formerly in the possession of the Wilton Lamberts, now belonging to the Canada Cruikshanks.)

James<sup>3d</sup>. and Freelo<sup>v</sup>e (Holiboat)<sup>2</sup> Rogers came, about 1726, from New London to Norwalk, the descent from whom is both numerous and noticeable. Rogers or Roger is an honored name; writes an annalist, in Italy, Sicily, France, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and America, adding, there have been great men and small men, fishermen and popes, day-laborers and noblemen, good men and bad men in the family. The hearthstone in Norwalk has been a worthy one and its children have done it credit.

<sup>1</sup>The purchase, in 1726-7, of James Rogers<sup>3d</sup>. appeared to have embraced a portion of the original Norwalk Seymour (Home-Lot XI) acreage.

<sup>2</sup>Possibly this name should be written Hurlbutt. Mrs. Freelo<sup>v</sup>e Rogers was born in 1694 and was nineteen years younger than her husband. She was married at the age of nineteen and bore to her partner several children. She died Jan. 26, 1738, having survived her husband nearly six years. Her step son, Dr. Uriah Rogers, had studied medicine in Hartford

and being licensed by the General Court in 1733 came about the time his father died to Norwalk, and her only step daughter, Mary, married Jan. 2, 1724, Jonathan Chester of Groton, Conn. Her will was probated Feb. 18, 1739-40, the executors being Samuel Cluckston and her son Nehemiah. Her estate included a silver tankard, suits of silk, a "lace suit," gold rings, gold beads, silverware, a velvet and "game hood," and "Law and Latin books." The estate record is preserved in Fairfield.





**James Rogers<sup>3d</sup>**, who was married on June 29, 1713, by Eliphalet Adams of the First Congregational Church, New London, to "**Freelove Holiboat**" was born in New London, Feb. 2, 1675. He married, first, about 1701, **Elizabeth Harris** of New London, by which union there were five children, viz.: **EDWARD, JAMES<sup>4th</sup>, JEDEDIAH, URIAH,** and **MARY.** By his second marriage there were nine children, viz.: **NEHEMIAH, STEPHEN, MOSES, AARON, ESTHER, LEMUEL, ELIZABETH, CLARON,** and **SAMUEL.** The oldest child, Edward, was born May 14, 1702. James<sup>4th</sup> was born Aug. 20, 1704, Jedediah 1709, Uriah in 1711, Mary of not satisfactory ascertained date. Whether **Nehemiah**, who was born **May 18, 1718,** was the oldest child by the second marriage is not fully determined.

**James Rogers<sup>3d</sup>** was a son of James<sup>2d</sup> and Mary (Jordan) Rogers of New London. This family comprised eight children, viz.: James<sup>3d</sup>, Mary, Elizabeth who died young (between forty and fifty years before her brother James came to Norwalk), Sarah, Samuel, Jonathan, Richard and William.

**James Rogers<sup>2d</sup>**, born in Milford, Conn., Feb. 15, 1652, was the fifth child of James<sup>1st</sup> and Elizabeth (Rowland) Rogers of Stratford. This family (James<sup>1st</sup>) numbered eight members, viz.: Samuel, Joseph, John, Bathsheba, James<sup>2d</sup>, Jonathan, Elizabeth and Sarah.

From the estate distribution of **James Rogers<sup>3d</sup>**, made about one month later (March 15, 1739-40) than the probating of his wife's will, it is inferred that several of the children had then died. His second son, James<sup>4th</sup>, is first named by his executors. This son married in New London, March 21, 1723, Mary, daughter of Peter Harris. He had nine children, named largely, after his own brothers and sisters. His second son, Peter, born Dec. 3, 1725, had a son Peter<sup>2d</sup>, born July 1, 1754, who married July 6, 1782, Nancy, daughter of Benjamin Green. He had Roswell, born May 5, 1783, and Col. Henry Rogers, born Sept. 24, 1784, who was the father of Mrs. Samuel Daskam, Sr. (1896) of Norwalk. James Rogers<sup>3d</sup> instructed his administrators to make provision for the education of his four younger children, some of whom were possibly deceased at the date, a few years later, of the distribution of the estate.

**Nehemiah** and **Dr. Uriah** were the two sons of James Rogers<sup>3d</sup> who figured, principally, in ancient Norwalk history. The first was a lad of eight or nine summers when he came with his parents to this town, in which it was to be his fortune to found an eminent family. As years grew apace the youth formed an attachment for a neighboring maiden, **Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Fitch**, whose home<sup>1</sup> was but a short distance from his own, and an union, as per following diagram ensued.

<sup>1</sup>Portions of the homes of Gov. Thomas and his brother James Fitch, are believed to be in existence to-day, but not a vestige of their brother Samuel's house is known to remain. Samuel lived nearly opposite the residence of his forefather Thomas Fitch, the settler. A section of the home-site of said Samuel

seems to have been occupied by his grandson Jonathan, who married into the Cannon family, and built the structure to-day owned by Oscar W. Raymond of East Norwalk. Mrs. Oscar W. Raymond is a granddaughter of Jonathan Fitch. Her Fitch grandfather died in comparative youth.



## ASCENDANTS AND DESCENDANTS OF NEHEMIAH AND ELIZABETH ROGERS.

## ROGERS.

- Gen. I.—JAMES<sup>1st</sup>. AND ELIZABETH (ROWLAND) ROGERS.  
 " II.—JAMES<sup>2d</sup>. AND MARY (JORDAN) ROGERS.  
 " III.—JAMES<sup>3d</sup>. AND FREELOVE (HOLIBOAT) ROGERS.  
 " IV.—NEHEMIAH ROGERS.

FITCH.<sup>1</sup>

- Gen. I.—THOMAS FITCH, the settler.  
 " II.—THOMAS AND RUTH FITCH.  
 " III.—THOMAS AND SARAH FITCH.  
 " IV.—SAMUEL AND SUSANNA FITCH.  
 " V.—ELIZABETH FITCH.

Nehemiah Rogers married Elizabeth, (see portrait page 161) daughter of Hon. Samuel and Susanna Fitch and niece of Gov. Thomas Fitch.

Norwalk having been the crib of ancestors many of the children of whom have never, perhaps, trodden its soil nor read its history, hides, consequently, to such, a site-story of no little interest.

Southeast of the southern foot of the Earle's Hill of 1896 is a field butted, as the proprietors would have expressed it, by the sloping upland, which field formed, about two-and-one-half centuries ago, the homestead of the only Norwalk settler who was a Connecticut charterer. This settler, Matthew Campfield, Sr., removed, after a brief Norwalk life, to the middle States and his home-lot became the property of "King's Commissioner" Thomas<sup>3d</sup>, father of Gov. Thomas Fitch and grandfather of Elizabeth, the subject of this mention who, judging from her well authenticated taste-characteristics, knew and loved the ancient home's geography. On Feb. 1, 1714, Thomas<sup>3d</sup>, added to the original Campfield territory, now his own, six acres of the south adjoining Richard Olmstead tract, which half dozen acres he presented, Jan. 6, 1728, three years before his death, to Elizabeth's parent, his son Samuel, who there brought up this fond child, one of the future colonial society mothers and remarkable ancestresses of America. Samuel, the father of Elizabeth, was a deputy to the Colonial Assembly and appointed May 27, 1743, an auditor of the treasurer's account with the colony (Col. Records page 515), while on the books of "ye prime Ancient Society of Norwalk" is thus recorded concerning him, "Dec. 14, 1747, voted that Samuel Fitch, Esq., shall sit in ye pew next ye pulpit stairs with the rest of ye authority."

Near the lower corner, next below Hon. Samuel Fitch's house (residence to-day of Mrs. Theodocia F. Bradley), had lived, since 1726, Capt. James Rogers,<sup>2</sup> who that same year

<sup>1</sup>For Fitch maternity see Fitch lineage.

<sup>2</sup>James Rogers<sup>1st</sup> was born in 1615, and sailed from the mother country, in 1635, in "the good ship Increase." He was a young immigrant who appeared, first, at Stratford, Conn., where he married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Rowland. Rowland is an old western Connecticut family name, and as Samuel Rowland, Sr., left his farm to his grandson, Samuel Rogers, born Dec. 12, 1640, (son of James<sup>1st</sup> and Elizabeth) it is possible that Elizabeth was his only daughter. James Rogers<sup>1st</sup> seems to have lived in

Stratford for several years. Four of his children, Samuel, Joseph, John and Bathsheba are there birth-registered. He then removed to Milford, where James<sup>2d</sup> and Jonathan were born. Afterward he made New London his home in which place his two younger children, Elizabeth and Sarah, came into the world. In about 1664 he bought, with Major Pymelion of Hartford, two thousand Groton acres. In a letter dated Hartford, June 5, 1666, John Winthrop subscribes himself as his (James Rogers<sup>1st</sup>) "loving friend." Mr. Rogers died Feb. 16, 1687, at the age

Ephraim hockwood - Settler lot #20  
Joseph hockwood  
Joseph hockwood + Rebecca Rogers  
Joseph hockwood + Rebecca Seymour 1781 -  
1798 - dau. James + Rebecca Keeler  
Seymour



brought hither from New London a portion of his large family, one of the sons of which, Nehemiah, was, in the ordering of events, to win for a wife the young Elizabeth Fitch, whose sister Ann, born 1734, had married the "handsomest man in Norwalk," Col. Stephen St. John, of Thomas Hooker, Richard Law and Nathan Gold blood. After the bridal of Nehemiah and Elizabeth Fitch the two established for themselves a home close neighbor to the groom's parents (site of present East Norwalk station for west bound trains). Seven children, Fitch, Moses, Susannah, Henry, Nehemiah, Esther and Elizabeth, were born to them, when the father was summoned hence leaving to his widow the care of their offspring, aged at the date of their father's death in 1760, respectively, twelve, ten, eight, seven, five, four years and an infant. The children's grandfather Fitch being still hale, became, doubtless, their mother's counsellor.

The sons upon arriving at maturity removed from Norwalk and were afterwards well known city business men. They reached man's estate at the time of the Revolutionary War, and attached to the King's cause, retired, temporarily, to the provinces. One of the three daughters married in Norwalk, one in New York and the other remained unmarried.

The following article was, some years since, solicited from the author, for publication by the head of a monthly journal. Said journal having suspended issue before the article was prepared accounts for its presentation and preservation in this place.

#### PARENTAGE AND HISTORY OF FOUR EMINENT BROTHERS.

On the east side of the ancient Norwalk "Town Street" which beginning narrowly at the founders "Cove" near the harbor widened gradually for a few rods from the water's edge until it reached its breadth of 60 feet, and thus continued, losing itself, quite like a lane again, in the northern forest, and at about a quarter mile from the cove-end of the street, stood, during the last century, the home of a quartette of destined metropolitan merchantmen. Of the parents who had received the homestead from a previous proprietor the remains of one were, in 1760, laid away in the "plantation" burial plot a few rods remove from his late estate, while the mother, who for many years survived her partner, was buried from the city mansion of her daughter, Mrs. Archibald Gracie, and interred in one of the New York cemeteries. The two were the son and daughter, the former of James Rogers of New London, Connecticut, a lawyer and speaker of the assembly, and the latter of Samuel Fitch, Esq., a New England King's Commissioner and a brother of Hon. Thomas Fitch, Governor, from 1754 to 1766, of the Colony of Connecticut. Hon. Samuel and Governor Fitch with their brother James and sister Elizabeth were children of the throne-appointed notary for Norwalk, "Mr." Thomas Fitch<sup>3d</sup>. Their grandfather Fitch was a son

of seventy-two. Samuel, his oldest son, lived to exceed, by one year, the age of his father, while James<sup>2d</sup> reached only the sixty-third mile stone. This son, father of James<sup>3d</sup>, the Norwalk settler, was a ship-master and married one of his passengers from the old to the new world, Mary, daughter of Jeffrey Jor-

dan. The first child was a son, James<sup>3d</sup>, named for his father and the second was a daughter, Mary, who took her mother's name. Four other children were born to James<sup>2d</sup> but the oldest was the only one that came to Norwalk. The others probably lived and died in the eastern part of the State.



of Thomas Fitch the settler, and a nephew of Joseph Fitch the ancestor of the inventor of the first steamboat, and an own cousin of Maj. James Fitch the son-in-law of Maj. John Mason, conqueror of the Pequots. Through their grandmother Fitch the three brothers and one sister were gr.-nephews and niece of Rev. Abraham Pierson, the first rector of Yale College, and of "Old Lymes Captain," Reynolds Marvin, the renowned Indian fighter.

Nehemiah Rogers, son, as before noted, of James Rogers<sup>3d</sup>, and brother of the justly celebrated Dr. Uriah Rogers, Sr., and also the grandfather of Mrs. President Charles King, LL.D., and of Mrs. James Gore King, and a grand-uncle of Chancellor James Kent, and who, in 1726-7, removed at nine years of age with his father from the southeastern to the southwestern confines of the colony, was, as pre-revolutionary records certify, a useful man. Choosing for a life companion a comely, courtly maiden, Elizabeth Fitch, the daughter of a distinguished near neighbor, the two were wedded and had born to them four of Norwalk's best bred representatives, and later of New York's most reputable citizens, Moses, Nehemiah, Fitch and Henry Rogers, Esqs.

As far as a judgment in the matter may reasonably be formed one of the legacies bequeathed to these boys was the inculcation that a sound mind deserved to tenant a sound body, and that both required to be dominated by the principles of religion. Not far from their grandfather Fitch's dwelling, and upon the generous sward that faced it, might have been seen, as narrated by a Rogers descendant,<sup>1</sup> the primitive Norwalk youth's vaulting rock and, possibly, highway running course. Here tradition tells of the manly exercise indulged in by the children of the period, while we can legitimately surmise that "Indian Field," a short stroll to the east, with its wild beauty and legend lore, and "Fruitful spring,"<sup>2</sup> a bubbling fresh water fount hard by the salt water Sound, were calculated to tempt boys curious for information and to prompt to investigation on their parts. Of one of the Rogers lad's diligence, a quaint line in a quiet register still in existence gives assurance, and to his own and brother's zeal, as years passed on, for the honor of God a published volume<sup>3</sup> bears decisive testimony.

As to the date of the family's departure from Norwalk, it is difficult to exactly determine. From the town and other writings it is inferred that the elder Nehemiah spent most of his days in his adopted home. His tombstone informs as to his decease, and the parish journal witnesses to his interest, churchwise, almost to the year of his demise. The attestation to the marriage of his daughter, Susannah, on "Sunday evening, Dec. 27, 1769, at about 8 of the clock, Samuel Fitch, Esq., her grandfather, giving her away" is still preserved, and albeit the bride's father had nine years before gone hence, the certificate's text argues that the family was not yet entirely broken up in Norwalk. As to how much or how little time was here spent by the four sons it is not easy to ascertain. They were left

<sup>1</sup>A Lambert grandson of Nehemiah Rogers.

<sup>2</sup>Found by the Norwalk pioneers upon their arrival, and situated northeast of Woodbury G. Lang-

don's island home. It has frequent mention in old Norwalk records.

<sup>3</sup>Churchman's Magazine 1806.



fatherless at a tender age. Moses the first named, was a boy of eleven when he lost his parent. About one mile from the Rogers', and on the same Norwalk street, was brought up, in a meadow-encircling domicile, the mother, Mrs. Benjamin Woolsey, Jr.,<sup>1</sup> of the two sisters, Sarah and Mary, who subsequently became, respectively, Mrs. Moses Rogers and Mrs. Dr. Timothy Dwight. Moses Rogers eventually selected for his country seat the slightly promontory upon the north shore of Long Island Sound known as Shippan Point,<sup>2</sup> and at the present time the property of Col. Woolsey Rogers Hopkins, a son of its original owner's oldest daughter, Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth (Rogers) Hopkins. Julia Ann, youngest daughter of Moses Rogers, married Francis Bayard Winthrop, Jr., whose promising son Edward was Yale valedictorian in 1831 and who followed, in the enjoyment of this dignity, it is interesting to observe, his clever cousin, Henry Rogers Winthrop, valedictorian of the preceding year's class.

<sup>1</sup>This young lady, the charm of the Isaacs' sunny home, was (see Ralph Isaacs lineage) of the same Hyde blood as Edward, Earl of Clarendon, whose daughter married James II, King of England. Her name was Esther, born July 19, 1730, daughter of Ralph<sup>1st</sup> and Mary (Rumsey) Isaacs. In a Norwalk meadow, bisected in 1896 by Morgan Avenue, stood an old-time house which (meadow and house) became the property in 1727, of Ralph Isaacs<sup>1st</sup>. Ralph Isaacs (see Isaacs lineage) brought a Fairfield bride to Norwalk and here founded a large family. The children had ample room in which to range, while adjoining hill and forest ("Grumman's Hill" and "Betts' Woods" of 1896) tempted, doubtless, their spirit of adventure. Esther, the second daughter, at the age of nineteen, married Benjamin Woolsey, Jr., son of Rev. Benjamin and Abigail (Taylor) Woolsey of Long Island. Her life was short as she saw only twenty-five summers. She left one son, who died young, and two daughters who became Mrs. Timothy Dwight and Mrs. Moses Rogers. Her husband married, second, Anne, daughter of Dr. Geo. and Anne Muirson of Brookhaven, L. I. By this marriage there was a son who was the father of Dr. Theodore Dwight Woolsey, President of Yale College, and who preached one of the sermons at the dedication in 1849, of the present First Congregational Church in Norwalk.

<sup>2</sup>This southwestern Connecticut cape so projects, at Stamford, into Long Island Sound, as to create, east, south and west, a marine expanse of unexcelled beauty. It is one of the sightliest and most salubrious peninsulas on either the Connecticut or Long Island shores. It possessed especial attractions to Moses Rogers who, at the time of the purchase of an important portion of its area, went abroad to study the design for a family mansion thereon to be erected. One of Mr. Rogers' early and clever conceptions was that of the planting of a row of trees which grew to

nobly line the long avenue which fronted his stretching estate. This elegant Shippan feature tempted the descriptive pen of President Timothy Dwight<sup>1st</sup>. of Yale College, and remained quite intact until the spring of 1895 when many of the grandly bough-supporting trunks were leveled by the Shippan Tramway Company. A wall of native stone with arboreally draped granite posts faced the verdure surrounded house within which culture and comfort held sway. Mr. Rogers was a nature-lover and took great delight in making his exceptionally commanding sea-situated domain additionally attractive and inviting. At the extreme south end of the point stands to-day a chimney section that survives the ruins of its old proprietor's house, not far from which is a tombstone bearing this inscription:

In Memory of

RICHARD BELDEN,

Who Died 1734.

A spring of never failing pure, soft and cool water, fed, it is probable, from a far-away or from a far-below-the-surface fountain stands upon these grounds and but a short distance from the beach. This singular spring supplies, to-day, the entire home establishment of Col. Woolsey Rogers Hopkins, who is proprietor, to a goodly extent, of his honored grandfather's ancient estate.

A window in memory of Moses Rogers has recently been placed near the transept of the new St. John's Church, Stamford, by his grand-children Col. and Mrs. Hopkins. The pane was ordered in England by the late William Tatlock, D.D., rector of said venerable parish. Nehemiah Rogers, father of Moses, is interred in the old plantation burying ground in Norwalk. His wife sleeps, it is probable, in Trinity Church yard, New York city.





Nehemiah Rogers<sup>2d</sup>, next of mention to Moses, married at the age of twenty-six, whose progenitors' possessions were but a few miles remove from those of the Rogers'. The name of his wife's father, Isaac Bell,<sup>1</sup> is perpetuated to-day, and the Capt. Isaac Bell home site is a fond Norwalk and Stamford memory of the past.

Fitch Rogers, who had barely entered his teens when his father died, was attracted to Stamford from whence during the war troubles he departed to New Brunswick, where we find him at thirty years of age numbered among the incorporators of the city of St. John's said province. His name is to this day familiarly repeated by the older people of Norwalk. His daughter Catharine married Rev. Reuben Sherwood, who was for years the pastor of the parish of the welfare of which the Rogers brothers had been so mindful, the venerable cure of St. Paul's, Norwalk.

Henry Rogers, the last mentioned brother, who, at the decease of his parent, Nehemiah, had just passed his seventh birthday, lived to become a man of signal integrity and influence. His greatly esteemed daughter, recently laid to rest, the relict of Rev. Smith Pyne, D., and who has been the care of devoted children, was a queenly lady. She took a deep interest in the family history, and contributed to its story.

As to Moses, Nehemiah, Fitch and Henry Rogers' mercantile careers, it may be affirmed that they accomplished a signal work. They possessed extraordinary business qualifications, were discreet, experienced, sagacious and ranked high among their commercial contemporaries. An "old New York merchant" is a proud designation, and without boasting one jot of the praise to which modern enterprise is entitled, still one cannot call to mind the well kept up reputation for method and management excellence of the Nexsens, Livingstons, Hoffmans, Murrays, Beekmans, Crugers, Lisenards, Ludlows, Desbrosses, Rogarts, Gracies and Woolseys of old merchant fame, without holding the remembrance of the same in regardful estimation.

The Rogers brothers had three sisters, Susannah, Esther and Elizabeth. Their

<sup>1</sup>Norwalk and other well kept records define the Bell ancestry as mentioned in foot note, page 94. Catharine Bell (Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers<sup>2d</sup>) was a daughter of Isaac and Susannah Bell. Mr. Bell was son of James and Sarah (Weed) Bell. He first married Jemima Holly and had a daughter, Hannah, born Dec. 10, 1758, who married Fitch, oldest son of Nehemiah and Elizabeth Rogers. Mrs. Bell died Feb. 23, 1760, and Mr. Bell married, second, Sep. 14, 1761, Susanna, daughter of Ephraim and Isabel (Bartlett) Smith, and grand-daughter of John and Isabel (Haynes) Bartlett, and great grand-daughter of "Mr. William Haynes" of "Haynes' Ridge," the Haynes property comprising the to-day spreading and splendid Dr. Parker New Canaan acreage. Ephraim Smith, father of Mrs. Isaac Bell, was the sixth son of Ebenezer and Abigail (Bouton) Smith, which Ebenezer Smith, born July 11, 1668, was a grandson of Lieut. Samuel Smith, an "ancient sergeant" and

Wethersfield "Deputy" 1640-61, and "Deputy to the General Court Colony of Massachusetts Bay" 1661-1673; also a commissioner to negotiate with the Mohawks 1667. (See Society of Colonial Wars Year Book 1896.) Lieut. Smith was born in England and his character may be inferred from this clause of his will bearing date June 23, 1680: "I bequeath to each of my children a bible. My executors are to cause to be written, plainly and legibly, in each bible, the last verses of the eleventh Chapter of Ecclesiastes and the first verse of the twelfth Chapter." Isaac and Susanna (Smith) Bell had James, born April 14, 1762; Henry, born Nov. 25, 1765; Isaac (Capt. Isaac of New York see page 94), born Feb. 16, 1768; Katharine, born Feb. 11, 1770, and Thomas, born March 9, 1774. Their daughter Katharine married Nehemiah<sup>2d</sup>, son of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Fitch) Rogers of Norwalk.

Norwalk's 1896 Bells, have Stamford ancestry.



mother passed most of her latter life with her daughter Esther, in New York, but her visits to her Connecticut relatives were frequent. Near by her own and husband's father's Norwalk domains stood, and to this day stands, a favorite stopping place to which she was wont, in olden-time circumstance, to repair. Portions of her uncles, Gov. and James Fitch's residences may remain, but there is nothing, save only three sites, to remind of the Rogers structures. Her husband's properly inclosed tomb, and the portrait of herself (on page 161) are the two souvenirs of their two notable children that Norwalk and Fairfield County now hold.

The comprehensive constituency of the Norwalk Rogers' lineage while affording a lesson susceptible of profitable study is also a rare genealogical fact. The most extensive research, as another hints, will hardly make more remarkable discoveries than those divulged by the pedigree investigation of a household that has been the cradle of divines, authors, scholars, and men of genius, taste, skill and opulence, and which has embraced as a part of its great whole such a relationship host as that which the families of the Austin's, Botsford's, Bradford's, Dix's, Dwight's, Gracie's, Grannis', Hawley's, Hopkin's, Kent's, King's, Lambert's, Lawrence's, Montgomery's, Platt's, Pyne's, Read's, Stone's, Scribner's, Sherwood's, Van Rensselaer's, Verplanck's, Winthrop's and Woolsey's form. The branches of the family tree are wide-spread, but its root having been sound, and its trunk character-strong, its multiplied members consequently, are blessed by the example-inheritance of lofty hearthstone virtues which in every generation never fail to command admiration and reverence.

It was long ago claimed that the patronymic Rogers, signifies one who is true to his word. This being the case, then were the four New England brothers referred to in this article's caption, loyal to the etymology of their name. The blood of the sleeper at the side of his sire in the Norwalk fathers burial acre courses the veins of many of the most broadly known people of the land to-day, all of whom are, in the eloquent language of one of their own affinity,<sup>1</sup> "pledged by the bright past of ancestral ideas, aims and endeavors, to lose nothing that they had already gained, as a family of worth, in the long ages before them, in their future."

Some one writes that it is proverbially easy to be wise after an event. Moses Rogers on the contrary, was a man of forewit and thought. He sagely selected "Shippan" for his home and on this wise introduced to Stamford one of its most excellent early citizens, Royal L. Gay.

Leaving his boyhood home Mr. Rogers amassed a fortune and, as has been seen, chose the Stamford point for a country residence. This naturally beautiful tract was vastly improved by the skill and taste brought through the instrumentality of Mr. Roger's wealth, to bear upon the sea girt promontory. Its owner took pride in redeeming the soil and adorning its surface. He does not seem to have been particularly fond of yachting, nor excessively devoted to driving, but his farm, garden and park grounds were the delight of

<sup>1</sup>The late Benjamin Woolsey Dwight, D.D.





his relaxation hours from the exactions of business life. During the earlier part of the present century, Mrs. Rogers was at times an invalid and resorted to Stafford Springs for treatment. Her husband here met a young citizen of Stafford, whose intelligence and high sense of honor so won Mr. Rogers' esteem as to cause him to propose to the same (Royal L. Gay) association in the management of the Shippan estate.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Gay assented and was established upon the Point, a neighbor to Mr. Rogers. The character and business worth of their adopted resident told to such a degree upon the Stamford people that Mr. Gay was called to the highest civil offices which he filled for many years, and until the close of a stainless career, when he who had been universally lauded in life was as widely lamented in death. The two friends passed hence, Mr. Rogers on Nov. 30, 1825, and Mr. Gay June 21, 1857.

Mr. Gay brought with him to Stamford his bride, whom he had that same year married in Tolland, Conn. The two had several children, one of whom, William, has proven a most enterprising and useful Stamford denizen. He married a daughter of Henry F. Waring and had only one son who died away from home at school, and one daughter who married Major William W., son of the late Capt. William Skiddy of Stamford. A daughter of Maj. Wm. W. Skiddy married Willard<sup>2d</sup>, son of Dr. Willard<sup>2d</sup> and Margaret (Ketchum)<sup>2</sup> Parker of New York, and a grandson of the late Willard Parker, M. D., Sr., of New York, whose genius and generosity have largely contributed to make of old Norwalk's historic Haynes' Ridge a handsome park.

<sup>1</sup>Shippan is historic ground from the fact that the original Stamford proprietors selected it (as did the Norwalk settlers the territory now lying below the "Benedict's tide mill pond"), for corn and other planting. Moses Rogers' purchase covered three hundred acres. Upon a portion of this site, his grandson, Col. Woolsey R. Hopkins, has erected an elegant home where himself and his accomplished lady dispense the Rogers hospitality of years ago. Col. Hopkins has taken a substantial interest in the Rogers' father's plot in the Norwalk cemetery and largely redeemed the ancient tombs. There are several Hopkins brothers and sisters.

<sup>2</sup>Willard Parker<sup>3d</sup> is a son of Dr. Willard<sup>2d</sup> and Margaret (Ketchum) Parker whose own and father's New Canaan lawns of living green at the southmost limits of Haynes Ridge are magic-like transformations of "Mr. William Haynes'" Michaelmas-daisy meadows.

Mrs. Dr. Parker<sup>3d</sup> is a daughter of the late Morris Ketchum of "Hokanum," Westport. This designation (see notes page 73,) a contraction of "Hawkenhome" (call the men home) once applied to a territory extending as far south as the present Westport Willow Brook Cemetery, the old name of which sleeping place (singularly appropriate in view of its present use) was "Hockanum flats." The mother of

Mrs. Dr. Parker<sup>2d</sup> was the third wife of Morris Ketchum and a daughter of the astute Judge Miller of New York. Mr. Ketchum's first two wives were sisters, the daughters of Silas Burr of "Burr Plain" on the ancient northwestern borders of Fairfield. He (see Ketchum lineage) appears to have been a lineal descendant, in the fifth generation, of Joseph<sup>1st</sup> and Mercy (Lindall) Ketchum of early Norwalk. Mercy, youngest daughter of Deacon Henry and Rosamond Lindall of New Haven, and a step daughter, after her mother's second marriage, of Nathaniel Richards of Norwalk, was baptized by the New Haven pioneer, Rev. John Davenport, Jan. 30, 1658, and not far from twenty-one years afterward (April 3, 1679) was married to Norwalk's first Joseph Ketchum. The two chose a coveted site for a home lot, and had a son born, who in due time became a father, and named his own son for the lad's Ketchum grandfather. This grandson of Joseph Ketchum<sup>1st</sup> married, in Greens Farms, March 8, 1749-50, Elizabeth, daughter of Gideon Hurlbutt, and had born for him, April 11, 1765, Amos, who married in Dutchess County, first, Arabella, daughter of Jonathan Landon, and second, Elizabeth Hunter. Amos Ketchum lived in the old town of Waterford, above Troy, in New York. Here was born, in 1796, his son Morris, afterward proprietor of "Hokanum."



CHILDREN AND GRAND-CHILDREN  
OF NEHEMIAH AND ELIZABETH (FITCH) ROGERS.

Fitch, oldest son of Nehemiah and Elizabeth Rogers, having reached majority, married Hannah, daughter of Isaac and Jemima (Holly) Bell of Stamford, and had:

Fitch<sup>2d</sup>; married Mary, daughter of Rev. Daniel Smith of Stamford.

Catharine; married Rev. Reuben Sherwood.<sup>1</sup>

Henry; died unmarried.

Harriet; married John Winthrop.

Charles; died unmarried.

William; died unmarried at sea.

Emily Sophia; married Henry F. Rogers (son of Henry<sup>1st</sup>) her cousin.

There are grounds for believing that after the decease of Joseph Ketchum<sup>3d</sup>, his widow (Elizabeth Hurlbutt) may have married Capt. Phineas Chapman of her former home vicinity. It is certain that Morris Ketchum claimed Chapman kinship and the second marriage theory will solve the problem. Mr. Ketchum, when a lad, visited Westport where he seems to have attended school. The bright Saratoga County boy soon after obtained a position in one of the metropolitan commercial houses, the heads of which had achieved enviable fame, and he, who in the dew of industrious youth made himself rurally useful, ripened anon into one of the business princes of the land. Norwalk, to the end of its history-chapter, will probably furnish a no more remarkable financier than that composed of her descended three prosperous sons, Moses Rogers, Morris Ketchum and Legend Lockwood. Two of Mr. Ketchum's sons, Charles J. and Landon, married sisters, Phoebe and Augusta, daughters of Francis Burritt. Mr. Burritt's home at the father's "Rocky Neck" (Saugatuck), was a lovely spot. Mr. Burritt was an invalid for some time and his son Frank (now "Commodore") was likely to be out in his boat or off with his gun, but Mrs. Burritt's cordial presence and the agreeable manner of her cousin, Mrs. Anna P. Ketchum, who was a visitor at the Burritts, added to the charming spontaneity of the daughters, Phoebe and Augusta, made this water side chateau truly inviting.

Katharine, oldest child of Morris Ketchum, married Israel Corse. Her brother, Grosvenor, died young. There was no issue by Mr. Ketchum's second marriage. The children by the last marriage were Franklin, Charles J., Landon, Edward, Morris, (died young at "Hokanum"), Miller and Margaret (Mrs. Dr. Willard Parker<sup>2d</sup>).

\*Benj. Adair, brought up by the Ketchums, was a useful and respected in-waiting attache of the family. In due time he married a Modoc Indian from the south of Long Island who also proved a domestic acquisition and was an earnest christian woman. These two were valuable accessories to the

After the improvements upon the lower Norwalk and Saugatuck highway the Ketchum carriage and the Burritt landau were seen along its picturesque route. Mr. Ketchum, (waited upon, often, by his faithful, gray haired and bearded colored service-man)\* on his way to take an express train at South Norwalk and the Burritt's establishment with occupants on health and pleasure bent, arrested attention and commanded admiration. A touching tribute to the excellence of Morris Ketchum and Francis Burritt was paid, a little before his decease, by the late Horace Staples of Westport. The venerable citizen, after a prolonged interview, was weary, but he desired to add his testimony to the worth of his departed friends, which he warmly did, relating, substantially, at the close the following incident: On the day that Francis Burritt's obsequies were attended Hiram Ketchum (brother of Morris) and himself met in the city. Either a little before or after the service the wires suddenly flashed to the city the intelligence of a Union and Confederate engagement. Falling into the embrace of Mr. Staples, Mr. Ketchum, with much feeling, burst forth "We are one."

It would be amiss, if not unjust, to bring this Parker-Ketchum note to a period before referring to the great work accomplished in the ancient Norwalk parish of Canaan through the interest and influence of Dr. Willard Parker, Sr. None knew better than he the potentiality of elevation, and the distinguished physician had by masterly sagacity, enterprise and activity and by liberal decreeing and doing, proven a benefactor to that healthful and desirable and delightful summer haunt. It is far from rash to affirm that his memory merits exalted praise.

<sup>1</sup>Reuben Sherwood, D.D., belonged to the old Sherwood family of Fairfield, and was a Yale man, class of 1813. He was ordained by Bishop Hobart of

"Hokanum" establishment. Many summers and winters attested to the liveried Benjamin's fidelity and he never grew to become an age-disenchanted Westport and Norwalk form. His wife survives him and dwells with a daughter, graduate of the New York Normal School.



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Moses, second son of Nehemiah and Elizabeth Rogers, married Sarah, daughter of Benjamin and Esther (Isaacs) Woolsey of Long Island, and had :

Sarah Elizabeth; married Hon. Samuel M. Hopkins.<sup>1</sup>

Benjamin Woolsey; married Susan, daughter of William Bayard.

Archibald; married Anna, daughter of Judge Nathaniel Pendleton.

Julia Ann; married Francis Bayard Winthrop, Jr.

Susannah, oldest daughter of Nehemiah and Elizabeth Rogers, and named for her

the Diocese of New York, and came, in 1816, to Norwalk, as rector of St. Paul's Church. Here for fourteen years he was admired and beloved, conducting, in addition to his pastoral obligations, a successful boys' and girls' academy and seminary. His marriage gave him influence and his institution had prominent home and abroad patronage. The professional work was done, mainly, by masters, the building used for the purpose being the academy (now John F. Bennett home) which stood on the northeast corner of the present St. Paul's property and opposite the Hezekiah Jarvis residence. There were two departments, male and female, the girls occupying the second story and the boys the first floor, and when "school was out" there was a cheery commingling of the students. The Dr.'s bright and manly boys came from sections far and near. The late E. E. Beardsley, D.D., historiographer and rector, belonged to the school, as did the Middletown MacDonough (sons of the Commodore) brothers. Here were educated Lawrence and John Vaux of Philadelphia; the present Col. LeGrand Cannon of New York; the whilom-Broadway merchant, Albert Journeay; Ebenezer Tallman of the city; Frank Perry of Fairfield; the two English Sellons; the admired young James King, and the Winthrop brothers and cousins, including Henry R., whose fine manners and handsome face are to this hour Norwalk mind pictures. Mary Ellis, daughter of Capt. Isaac Bell of New York, was under Dr. Sherwood's care, while her brother, since a metropolitan figure, here unwittingly left behind him evidence-testimony to the lad's nice propriety-intuition. He had been down the river and was salt water soiled. Upon landing he hastened to school to re-make his toilet, and chancing to meet, on the way thither, a particular young friend, a compelling courtly conviction restrained him, in his plight, from barely a fugitive recognition of his acquaintance. Arrived at his student quarters he at once gallantly addressed a note apologetic of his appearance and action, which note, as a Sherwood School reminder, is to-day prized by one of Norwalk's most cherished citizens.

Dr. Sherwood came, a recently ordained presbyter, to Norwalk, and was consequently in touch with the ardent parish element. He was dignified but cordial and approachable. At one of his Christmas-eve services, his junior flock having elaborately pine and

laurel "dressed" the sanctuary, the rector found as he entered the octagonal pulpit to deliver his Christmas message that the young people's zeal had to such an extent bough-filled the same as that it was difficult for him therein to speak. At a glance, one of his members, a general favorite, comprehended the situation and promptly mounted the pulpit stairs to remove what, most likely, her own hands had there planted. This practical maiden, the mother afterward, of several New York city and state daughters, presided beautifully, and until advanced life, at one of the admirable hearthstones of Troy, N. Y.

The students of Dr. Sherwood's School were privileged with the superintendence of Mrs. Sherwood, a lady of dignity of presence, and who was greatly esteemed. The household responsibilities were shared with a member of the family of one of the most widely known pilots of Long Island Sound, Capt. Abraham Benson, who built (house standing to-day) on the corner of the ancient Ludlow farm-lot, opposite the Ludlow Fairfield residence.

The situation of the Sherwood School at the head of Norwalk Green and beneath the exceptionally large and spreading elms which, in the Sherwood days, were about twenty-five years old, was truly delightful, while the parsonage grounds enlivened by the sight, here and there, of the Sherwood boys and the driving up the lawn-way of the Stamford Roger relatives, made the spot inviting to townsman and stranger. The St. Paul's elms (fast fading in 1896) were handsome objects down fifty years later than Dr. Sherwood's time, soon after the rectorship of whom the cure fell to Jackson Kemper, D.D., who held it until called in 1835 to the bishopric of the North West. During Dr. Kemper's incumbency, Rev. Wm. A. Muhlenburg, D.D., of New York, was a welcome visitor to Norwalk, and subsequently Rev. Wm. F. Morgan, D.D., studied beneath the same shade.

Rector and Principal Sherwood resigned the Norwalk parish in order to assume duty at Washington College. After this he removed to Ulster County, N. Y., accepting, finally, the rectorship of St. James Church, Hyde Park-on-the-Hudson. Here he ended his faithful life on Whitsunday, 1856. His daughter, Catharine, from early days the friend of Miss Julia A. Lockwood of Norwalk, now resides at Hyde Park.

<sup>1</sup>Sarah Elizabeth, who bore her mother Woolsey



grandmother Fitch, married David <sup>2d</sup>, son of David <sup>1st</sup> and Laurany Lambert of Norwalk; had :

Elizabeth; died young.

David Rogers; born Dec. 8, 1772.

Laurany; died young.

Henry B.;

Esther; died young.

Sarah S.; married Hon. George Cruikshank of Canada.

Samuel F.;

John J.; died young.

Julia Maria; died young.

The first David Lambert, born 1700, who came to Norwalk, was the son of Jesse and Deborah (Fowler) Lambert of Milford. Deborah, daughter of Capt. William and grand-daughter of Magistrate William Fowler, belonged to one of the chief planter families of Milford. David Lambert <sup>1st</sup> had a sister, Sarah, who married John Dunning of Norwalk, and another sister, Elizabeth, who married John Birchard of this town. Mr. Lambert reached maturer years and married Feb. 1, 1726-7, Laurana, daughter of "Mr. John Bill of Lebanon." These had (see Lambert lineage) David <sup>2d</sup>.

David Lambert <sup>2d</sup>, married Dec. 27, 1769, Susanna, daughter of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Fitch) Rogers, and had Samuel F., born Dec. 25, 1784, who late in life married a Rockwell, the only issue being the present David R. Lambert <sup>4th</sup>, who married Eva, daughter of Captain Edw. S. Ogden, formerly of New Canaan, but later of Wilton, Conn., which David R. Lambert <sup>4th</sup> occupies, in 1896, the original Wilton home.

"Church does not commence until the Lambert's come," was a common saying in

and her grandmother Fitch names, oldest child of Moses Rogers, married a Connecticut born lawyer who belonged to the honored Hopkins family of Waterbury, a city the soil of which holds many of the Hopkins dead. Hon. Samuel Miles Hopkins was born May 9, 1772, and the young lawyer, in the autumn (Oct. 5) of 1800, wedded his Rogers bride who was not quite two years younger than himself. These had seven children two of whom are at present known in Norwalk. The elder of the two, Prof. Samuel M. Hopkins, D.D., of Auburn, N. Y., was, in his student days, a friend of the late Rev. S. B. S. Bissell of Norwalk, and the meeting, in this town, of the two a little before Mr. Bissell's death was delightfully cordial. Professor Hopkins fills a chair in the same institution with which Rev. Edwin Hall, D.D., a former pastor of the First Congregational Church in Norwalk, was, until his death prominently connected. The professor's brother, Col. Woolsey Rogers Hopkins, now of Shippan Point, and a thorough gentleman of the olden school, is held in high admiration

in his grandfather's (Moses Rogers) birth place. The Colonel's impressive allusion to the Rogers' birth-hearth during his address at the planting in 1895 by the D. A. R., of the "Father's Stone" in East Norwalk (confluence of Fitch Street and Fort Point Avenue) is unforgotten in Norwalk. Two grand army sons, Col. W. R. Hopkins and Gen. D. N. Couch greatly dignified that occasion by their presence.

Julia A. (Mrs. Francis B. Winthrop, Jr.) sister of Sarah E. (Mrs. Samuel M. Hopkins) died at the age of twenty-six, and her husband married, second, Elizabeth Woolsey, neice of Mrs. Moses Rogers. One of the children by this union, Edward, born Dec. 19, 1811, was the Norwalk school lad who has interesting mention in this town to-day. The Winthrops, who spent happy hours at the head of the Norwalk Green, left pleasing memories behind them. The lad, Edward, occupant as a youth of the primitive pew in St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, became, afterward, the rector of St. Paul's Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. He died in Vermont, Oct. 31, 1865.





the parish in the days of David<sup>2d</sup> and Susannah (Fitch) Lambert, and the saying correctly expressed the local conviction Lambert-wards. The family was a power and entertained on a generous scale. Its members and their guests rode around the country in state. The visits of Mrs. Lambert's mother, Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers, who occasionally bade adieu to the Gracie city mansion and indulged in a country trip, were rare occasions, and when mother and daughter occupied the vehicle, drawn by handsomely caparisoned horses, and served by a quota of liverymen, people would run to their windows and doors to witness the spectacle. The family members were particularly intimate with the Beldens of Pimpewaugh Vale. They visited and received visits, and their general "style" was cordiality and hospitality.

The old premises are to-day faded and parts of the same, through age, fallen, nevertheless an ancient interest so pervades the once attractive and animated spot that the antiquarian reluctantly pronounces "go to sleep" over it.

Henry, son of Nehemiah and Elizabeth Rogers, married, first, Catharine Van Raust and had:

Catharine; died unmarried.

Henry F.; married, first, a cousin, Emily S. Rogers, married, second, a Maxwell.

Mrs. Catharine (Van Raust) Rogers died Nov. 5, 1792, and Henry Rogers married, second, Frances, daughter of Charles Moore of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and had:

John S., M. D.; married Augusta, daughter of Gov. Thomas L. Winthrop.

Susan; married Daniel Remsen, and had Simeon Henry Remsen, who married a daughter of Bishop Wainwright of New York.

Emma; married Rev. Smith Pyne, D.D., graduate of Columbia College, 1823, and rector of Calvary Church, New York, and St. John's, Washington, D. C.

Nehemiah<sup>2d</sup>, son of Nehemiah<sup>1st</sup> and Elizabeth Rogers, married Katharine, daughter of Isaac Bell of Stamford by his second wife, and had:

Samuel; died unmarried.

Edward N.; died unmarried.

George I.; died unmarried.

Archibald Gracie; died unmarried.

Henry;<sup>1</sup> married Matilda, daughter of John S. Livingston.

Caroline; married, (2d wife) Rev. John Crathorne Montgomery of Pennsylvania, who was father of Rev. Henry E. Montgomery, D.D., of New York, and grandfather of Mrs. Woodbury G. Langdon of Norwalk.

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Moses Rogers had a daughter, Esther, born 1778, who died at the age of fifteen.

<sup>1</sup>Henry and Matilda (Livingston) Rogers had two children, Matilda, who married Albert Speyers of

Germany, and Henry L., a member of the New York Stock Exchange and intelligently interested in the Rogers family affinity. He is unmarried, and resides in New York.



Esther, daughter of Nehemiah and Elizabeth Rogers, married Archibald Gracie of New York, and had :

Margaret ;

William ; married (1st.) Eliza Wolcott, (2d.) Cornelia Fleming.

Elizabeth ; married President Charles King of Columbia College.

Sarah R. ; married Hon. James Gore King.

Mary M. ;

Archibald ;

Robert ; married, (1st.) Susan Nelson, (2d.) a Fleming.

Esther ; married Hon. William Beach Lawrence.

Esther (Mrs. Archibald Gracie), daughter of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Fitch) Rogers, remembered nothing of her father as she was born in the Norwalk homestead (the rear of which is seen to-day) about the time that her widowed mother and fatherless brothers accompanied their parent's remains to the south end of the pioneers' first burial place where, distinctly marked, his grave is pointed out in 1896. Place was there evidently reserved for the widow, but as in the decrees of providence she was long to survive and become, afterward, the devoted care of this same infant, she was laid to rest near her city blood. This child, Esther, underwent education during the trying days of "Seventy-Six." The family adhered to the royal cause, and the mother and daughter's Norwalk interests were thereby greatly imperiled. Peace, however, was about to return when, now arrived at twenty-four years of age, the young Esther's hand in matrimony was asked by one of the most promising young men of the metropolis, Archibald Gracie, born in Scotland five years before her own birth in Norwalk. The union was a truly marked one, and probably no New York home of the era had more graceful superintendence than that of Archibald and Esther Gracie. In this home was born, Dec. 14, 1791, a daughter, Sarah Rogers Gracie, who married Hon. James Gore King, son of Hon. Rufus King. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. King went abroad where was born, July 11, 1821, a son, the late Archibald Gracie King. This son married May 8, 1845, Elizabeth Denning, daughter of President William Alexander and Hannah Maria (Denning) Duer. President Duer, born Sept. 8, 1780, was the son of William and Lady Kittie (Alexander) Duer. His mother was the daughter of "Lord Stirling" and Sarah Livingston, of one branch of which Livingston family Norwalk holds interesting mementoes. Sarah Gracie King, daughter of Archibald Gracie King and great grand-daughter of Esther Rogers, who was a daughter of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Fitch) Rogers, married on the first day of winter, 1875, Frederick Bronson<sup>2d</sup>, son of Frederick<sup>1st</sup>, whose Bronson ancestors, influenced by its salubrity-recommendation, established themselves at Greenfield Hill, Conn., upon the former President Dwight property, which classic precincts the Bronsons, earlier and later, have converted into a family seat of striking beauty. Its history, its landscape, and its height and health desirability have drawn such as the Baldwin's, Bronson's, Belden's, Murray's, Nichols',



Rogers', and, more transiently, the Suydam's and Jeffrey's thither. A peculiar interest has from the days of Dr. Dwight invested the celebrated spot.

Elizabeth, daughter of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Fitch) Rogers, and named for her mother, died unmarried.

For the registration of the grand-children of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Fitch) Rogers, the author is largely under obligation to the article by Rev. Dr. Benjamin W. Dwight, as it appeared in different numbers of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Volumes XV. and XVI.

#### THE ELIZABETH FITCH HOME.

The family of Hon. Samuel and Susanna Fitch, comprising, beside the parents, three sons (Samuel, Daniel and Jonathan), and four daughters (Elizabeth, Ann, Susanna and Sarah), was one of Norwalk's best known households. One of the greatest misfortunes—genealogy-wise—which has befallen Norwalk is that during the brief vacancy caused by Pastor Matthias Burnet's death in 1806, the Congregational records should have been left in that sorry basket in the parsonage (present East Avenue residence of G. W. Hunter) to be rodent-destroyed. There were, it is gleaned, three invaluable folios, one the register of Rev. Thomas Hanford, another that of Rev. Stephen Buckingham, and the third by Rev. Moses Dickinson, packed in that wicker receptacle. Beyond question, probably, Mr. Buckingham's volume held the registration of the marriage of Samuel Fitch, Sr. Up to this time it seems impossible to ascertain the family from which Susanna, his wife, sprang. The late painstaking genealogist, Nath. G. Pond of Milford, suggested that possibly the middle name of the grandson of Samuel Fitch, Sr. (Zachariah Whitman Fitch), might furnish a clue, but as said Samuel's oldest son (brother of Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers) married Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph<sup>2d</sup> and Hannah (Whitman) Platt, the appearance of the Whitman name in this Fitch family is thus, beyond doubt, accounted for.

Daniel Fitch, second brother of Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers, married Rebecca, daughter of Samuel and Deborah (Clark) Marvin, and had the three brothers, Samuel M., Henry and Jonathan, and one sister, Rebecca, the descendants of whom to-day (the Knapp's, Fitch's, Mallory's, Isaacs' and Hanford's) abound in Norwalk. Jonathan, last brother of Mrs. Rogers, was a Yale man. He married (see page 139) Deborah, daughter of Hezekiah Hanford, and had one son, Josiah Hanford Fitch, who was the grandfather of Capt. Samuel Daskam and his sister, Mrs. Theodocia F. Bradley of to-day.

Ann, sister of Elizabeth Fitch (Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers), married (foot note page 143) Col. Stephen, son of Capt. Joseph and Susanna St. John. Col. Stephen's sister, Susanna, married Eliphalet Lockwood, grandfather of Col. Buckingham St. John Lockwood and his brother William B. E. and sister, Miss Julia A. of 1896.

Sarah, sister of Elizabeth and Ann, married into the Ketchum family, and Susanna,





the third sister, was the first wife of the first Ebenezer Church of Norwalk. Mrs. Susanna Church was married in the beginning of 1746 and died at the ending of 1747. She gave birth to two children, Daniel and Richard, but most of the Church descendants of to-day are by Mr. Church's second and Sears marriage.

Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers survived, for many years, her husband, residing with her daughter Esther, Mrs. Archibald Gracie of New York. She was loyal to her Norwalk relatives and kept up her visits to them. Her brother Samuel's home was on Chestnut Hill, to which she drove from her Wilton children's house. Living before the era of steam navigation she probably came, under sail, to Norwalk; but after reaching here she had the coach and livery attendance of her daughter Susanna, Mrs. David Lambert, Jr. From handed-down mentions it would appear that she was gracious and generous and possessed of the spirit to diffuse an agreeable atmosphere wherever she went. It is compensating to chronicle the career and connections of such an ancestress.

#### NEHEMIAH AND ELIZABETH ROGERS VAN RENSSALAER MENTION.

Sarah Rogers, born Oct. 29, 1809, second child of Benjamin W. and Susan B. Rogers (see "Introductory," page 3) of New York, was the grand-daughter of Moses and Sarah Rogers of Shippan Point, and great grand-daughter of Nehemiah and Elizabeth Rogers of Norwalk. Said Sarah Rogers married April 4, 1839, William Patterson, son of "Peetoon" Stephen Van Renssalaer of Albany, and the family, for a period, occupied the Wilson estate at Belden Neck, Norwalk.

The tranquil atmosphere of this sylvan and secluded sea-skirted point was tempting to the Van Renssalaers who had slight contact with the Norwalk folk and are here almost exclusively remembered for their attendance-constancy upon public worship. Attached to the First Congregational Church during the time of Rev. Dr. Hall's pastorate, one, on Sunday morning, was almost as sure to see their horses reigned up before the church portals on The Green as one was to witness the Thomas Benedict, Thomas Cook Hanford, William Marvin, William St. John and the Westport Scribner and Marvins well filled vehicles standing at the same hour at the same spot.

Col. Van Renssalaer's mother was Cornelia, daughter of Judge William Patterson of New Jersey, and Mrs. Van Renssalaer's mother was the lovely character whose burial in the south of England is alluded to on page third of this work, so that in coming to Belden Neck, the excellent lady was only returning to her ancestral soil. It is one of the glories of Norwalk that such as Mrs. Sarah Rogers Van Renssalaer hence emanated. The stories of many who have risen to fame, many who have swayed society, and many who have been truly religious and found real satisfaction in doing good have here originated, and one might elect a far less compensating task than to sit by the hearth of Elizabeth Fitch and thence trace down her illustrious line. This, said one of her metropolitan sons to his little standing-by daughter, as having dipped his pen too deeply in the fountain it



caused a drop of ink to blur his signature, this is the only blot that rests upon our name. It was said facetiously perhaps, nevertheless a susceptible Rogers daughter, sensitive, beautiful and beloved, even at ninety years of age, had all her life been helpfully influenced by the remark.

#### A NEHEMIAH AND ELIZABETH (FITCH) ROGERS BRIEF JOTTING.

After the decease of the widow of James Rogers<sup>3d</sup>, the old homestead, bought, but seemingly not built, by James Rogers<sup>3d</sup>, passed into the hands of Nehemiah Rogers and here, quite possibly, all of his children were born. The house was doubtless burned on the fateful morning of July 11, 1779, and none of the family appear to have afterward returned again. There is mention of Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers calling, with her daughter Susanna, in the vicinity, but no record that indicates possession of the old spot. A discovery has recently been made of what was, in all probability, the original well of her great-great-grandfather Fitch, (Thomas Fitch, Sr.) The same is hidden, but only slight effort is required to find it. It stands upon the site of the Sr. Fitch's home, and the stones with which it is walled are moss grown, but the water is clear and cool. As Thomas Fitch bought the property in 1654 from a previous owner, if not occupant, (Edward Church) it may be possible that the well was not Fitch-dug. In either case, however, it has interesting Fitch association.

At the summit of Chestnut Hill, where is obtained one of the finest water views along the Connecticut shore, lived Mrs. Rogers' brother, Samuel<sup>2d</sup>, and nephew. This spot was one of her visiting points when in Norwalk, and here her son Moses made a large purchase. This does not, however, seem to have been for his own use, as he had no Norwalk residence. During the Lambert's day, Rogers family intercourse was kept up, but since the decease of the sons of David Lambert<sup>2d</sup>, this has gradually ceased.

#### A ROGERS-SMITH NEW ENGLAND AFFINITY.

The Norwalk born Fitch Rogers (oldest son of Nehemiah and Elizabeth) married (see note page 95) Hannah, daughter of Isaac and Jemima Bell. The Rogers young men early left Norwalk, and Fitch eventually established himself in Stamford. His name, however, long continued a familiar one in his birth-place. His oldest son, Fitch<sup>2d</sup>, married Mary Elizabeth, born Oct. 28, 1804, the second child by his second marriage, of Rev. Daniel Smith, long the pastor of the Congregational Church in Stamford. There was no issue by this union, but the family connection is remarkable.

Samuel Smith<sup>1st</sup>, married Rachel, daughter of Matthew Marvin, Sr. of Norwalk. Here both lived and had born to them, among other children, a son named Nehemiah. This son took to wife Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Clapham, of the farm estate lying somewhat northerly of the old Christ Church site in Westport. Nehemiah and Elizabeth Smith had eight children, the second of whom bore his grandfather Clapham's name and was





called Peter. The young Peter, Norwalk and New Canaan's first Peter Smith, was a nephew of Lydia Smith who married James Lockwood and was the mother of Mrs. Dr. Uriah Rogers, Sr. (half brother of Nehemiah, son of James<sup>3d</sup>) of Norwalk. Peter<sup>1st</sup> lived to marry and have a large family (see Smith lineage) of at least ten children.

His son Phineas<sup>1st</sup> married a Keeler, and had Harriet, who married Dr. Hawley Olmstead of scholar fame. The brother of Phineas<sup>1st</sup> (Peter<sup>2d</sup>) removed to Dutchess County and had Daniel (Rev.) born Aug. 3, 1764. This Daniel was the beloved Congregational pastor of Stamford, who married, July 9, 1793, Mary, daughter of Rev. Cotton Mather Smith. Two children, Julia Ann and Thomas Mather, were the fruit of this joining. The first Mrs. Daniel Smith died and the pastor married, second, June 14, 1801, Catharine, daughter of David Webb of Stamford, a descendant of Richard, the Norwalk Webb settler. To Rev. Daniel and Catharine Smith was born a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who married Fitch<sup>2d</sup>, son of Fitch<sup>1st</sup> and grandson of Nehemiah and Elizabeth Rogers of Norwalk.

The first wife (Mary Smith) of the Stamford pastor (Rev. Daniel Smith), was a daughter of Rev. Cotton Mather Smith of Sharon, Conn. Rev. John Cotton and Rev. Richard Mather were two of primitive New England's strongest theologians. A daughter of Rev. John Cotton married a son (Increase, President of Harvard College) of Rev. Richard Mather. From this union sprang New England's famous Rev. Cotton Mather, whose daughter Jerusha married Rev. Samuel Smith of Suffield. To Rev. Samuel and Jerusha Smith was born Rev. Cotton Mather Smith, who married a daughter of William Worthington of Saybrook. These were the parents of the first Mrs. Rev. Daniel Smith of Stamford. This Mrs. Daniel Smith's brother was Hon. John Cotton Smith of Sharon, with whom her son, Rev. Thomas Mather Smith, born in Stamford March 7, 1796, studied. This son (Rev. Thomas Mather Smith) married Sept. 26, 1822, Mary G., oldest daughter of Rev. Dr. Leonard Woods of Andover, Mass., and had Rev. Dr. John Cotton Smith, the well-known rector of the Church of the Ascension in New York city.

The appearance in this work of matter which may seem a little Norwalk-foreign is perhaps pardonable when the fact is recalled that the author, whose collateral data he has for years been engaged in collecting, believes that by type-perpetuation some of it may be of service to the future genealogist.

#### URIAH ROGERS BRANCH.

Uriah Rogers<sup>1st</sup>, M. D., son of James<sup>3d</sup> and Elizabeth (Harris) Rogers, and half brother of Nehemiah (James Rogers<sup>3d</sup> married, first, Elizabeth Harris, and second, Free-love Holiboat) has date registration in Norwalk at about the time of his father's decease. His father, who seemed to appreciate the worth of an education, saw his son Uriah equipped and ready to emerge in a useful profession. This son, according to Blakeman, studied with Dr. Jonathan Bull of Hartford, and was licensed by the Connecticut Court in 1733. This was the year of his father's death in Norwalk. He was now twenty-two years of age



(seven years older than Nehemiah) and having married not far from this time, he located on "Mill Hill," where resides, in 1896, the aged Mrs. James Mallory. Mrs. Uriah Rogers<sup>1st</sup> was from an old Norwalk family. She was the daughter of James and Lydia (Smith) Lockwood and the grand-daughter of Ephraim and Mercy (St. John) Lockwood. Her brother was the Rev. James Lockwood who declined the presidency of the College of New Jersey (Princeton) in 1758, and in 1766 refused the proffer of the same position at Yale. Both Dr. and Mrs. Rogers were of conspicuous Norwalk relation. Their children were:

Hannah; born June 7, 1735.

Lydia; born Dec. 15, 1737.

Uriah<sup>2d</sup>; born Dec. 17, 1739;

James; born Sept. 5, 1742, removed to Redding.

John; born Nov. 3, 1744.

Esther; born Oct. 1, 1746.

David; born Aug. 21, 1748.

Abigail; born Oct. 14, 1749.

Hezekiah.

Hannah Rogers, oldest child of Dr. Uriah and Hannah Rogers, married Moss Kent, who was the son of Rev. Elisha Kent, the ninth child of John and Abigail (Dudley) Kent of Suffield, Mass. (John Kent was a son of Samuel Kent of Gloucester in the same state and his wife was a daughter of William Dudley of Saybrook, Conn.) Rev. Elisha Kent was born in Suffield, July 9, 1704. He graduated at Yale College in 1729, studied theology, and after the departure of the Rev. John Beach from the Congregational pastorate of Newtown, Conn., was thence called and ordained in Sept. 1732, Rev. Moses Dickinson of Norwalk being the ordination preacher. On April 3, 1732 he had married Abigail, daughter of Rev. Joseph Moss of Derby, Conn. On Aug. 3, 1743 he purchased from William Smith, an old-time lawyer of New York and an "Oblong" property partner of James Brown of Norwalk, a tract of land in the town of South East, Putnam County, N. Y., whence he removed from Newtown. His first wife, by whom he had all his children, died in South East, Jan. 1751, at the age of thirty-three. He afterward married the widow of Joshua Raymond of Norwalk, *nee* Elizabeth Fitch, the only sister of Gov. Thomas Fitch and his two brothers Samuel and James. He was the Presbyterian pastor in South East until his death, July 17, 1776. His children were Moss, Mary, Lucy, Sybil and Sarah. Moss<sup>1st</sup>, his only son, born March 25, 1733, married, as has been noted, Hannah, daughter of Dr. Uriah<sup>1st</sup> and Hannah (Lockwood) Rogers of Norwalk, the latter of whom was the first cousin of Peter Lockwood, great grandfather of W. B. E., Col. F. St. John and Miss Julia Abigail Lockwood, 1896. The children of Hon. Moss and Hannah (Rogers) Kent were Chancellor James Kent, Hon. Moss Kent<sup>2d</sup>, and Mrs. William P. Platt.

Chancellor James Kent, born in South East, Putnam County, N. Y., July 31, 1736, a great-grandson of James who was son of Ephraim and Mercy (St. John) Lockwood (the first



Norwalk Lockwood foreparents), and a grandnephew of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Fitch) Rogers, was one of the world's renowned jurists. He was sent when a lad of about five years to his grandparents in Norwalk, and here attended school, leaving in 1772 to study Latin with a relative in New York state. He there remained three years and was then placed in a Danbury school, entering Yale College in 1777. He had been in college only two years when Tryon invaded the town (one week before the invasion of Norwalk) and the college was closed. During his enforced vacation he resolved to take up the study of law and after finishing at Yale was admitted to the bar in 1785. His career was illustrious and his fame is the proud property of the nation. In about 1823 he gave up public life and resided in New York, where, at No. 20 Union Square, he died Dec. 12, 1847. He was buried in Fishkill, N. Y. His wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. John Bailey, died June 19, 1851. The Chancellor's father was interred in an old Wall Street, New York, burying ground. His mother died in **Westport at the close of December, 1771.** The lad was at his grandfather's in Norwalk on the evening of his mother's decease. He was sent for and reached his parent's bedside a half hour before she passed away. Her remains were taken to South East where her tomb stone is thus lettered :

**"Here lies ye body of Mrs. Hannah Kent,** wife to Moss Kent, Esqr., and daughter of Dr. Uriah Rogers and Mrs. Hannah Rogers. She died happily on ye 30th of December, 1771, in ye 36 year of her age."

**Uriah Rogers, Jr.,** son of **Uriah, Sr. and Hannah Rogers,** was born, married, lived and died in Norwalk. His wife was **Elizabeth, born Dec. 20, 1743,** daughter of **Eliakim and Hannah (Street) Raymond.** The house was what has since been known as the Betsey Church place, on lower France Street, and is now the property of Edward Merrill. In making excavation for a new foundation Mr. Merrill found, some years since, one of Mrs. Rogers' set of tea-spoons, marked "E. R." The Dr.'s life was short, and he survived his father only a little over three years, dying Dec. 23, 1776, at the age of thirty-eight. His wife continued his widow (sixty years) until her decease Oct. 27, 1836, at the ripe age of ninety-one.

**David<sup>1st</sup>,** son of Uriah Rogers, Sr., was the Sr. New York city physician of that name, and the member of the family who had a house on Greenfield Hill. His drives to Norwalk<sup>2</sup> are a mention of the past. Dr. David Rogers<sup>1st</sup> married Martha, daughter of

<sup>1</sup>So reads a family record, but, as appears by her tombstone inscription, she was born in 1745.

<sup>2</sup>Among the most gratifying of mentions-antiquate are those of the Norwalk and Fairfield social fraternizations. These commenced, indeed, with the beginnings of Norwalk history. Thomas Fitch, Sr., had a daughter Mary who married into the Sherwood family, and Governor Thomas Fitch had a daughter Elizabeth who married a Rowland, and a son Hezekiah who wedded a Burr—strong Fairfield names—

and these were people who, unquestionably, enjoyed each other's company. The roads at that day were rough, the dwellings distantly separate and the way winding, but the Norwalk fathers and mothers did not believe in "dead exile" living. There was helpful intercourse between the two sister settlements. Norwalk was an attraction to Dr. and Mrs. Timothy Dwight of Greenfield Hill, even if the old grandfather Isaacs house had sadly gone up in British started flames. On one of the Sr. John Cannons Fairfield





Charles Tennent of Maryland. This was the family to which belonged the Rev. William Tennent of the wonderful "trance" connection, and also his son who was pastor of the Norwalk Congregational Church from 1765 to 1772.

Dr. David Rogers, Sr. had a large family. His sixth child, Susan, married Rev. John Austin of Bridgeport. This Greenfield Hill woman, grand-daughter of Dr. Uriah, Sr. and Hannah Rogers of Norwalk, was the mother of Rev. David Austin, pastor some few years since of the Second Congregational Church in South Norwalk, and grandmother of the present Judge Alfred Ely Austin of West Avenue, Norwalk. See note page 189.

Dr. Uriah Rogers, Sr. was one of Norwalk's early but excellently equipped physicians and most eminent citizens. To follow down his widely scattered descent would be a work quite outside the province of this volume, and yet it is possible to propose a far less compensating project. The Dr. died in his home (opposite the present town structure on Town House Hill) some three summers before Norwalk was burned. His remains were borne, simply across the street, where, in a plainly marked grave, they to this day are interred. His residence seems to have remained intact until it was destroyed by the enemy on July 11, 1779. Out of it, that morning, it is claimed, were hastily taken the cane of Gov. Thomas Fitch and the Rogers crest, neither of which keep-sakes are, however, necessary to the perpetuity of the fame of the two distinguished households, from which so many families, all over this wide land, sprang.

visits—it is a family tradition—he spent a Sunday in the old town and attended worship in the old church. A voice in the choir engaged his attention and Esther Perry changed her name and residence. A pleasing outing to the brook-dale (Cannon St. 1896) St. John's embraced the Fairfield Hubbell's where they were sure to find good housekeeping. Dr. Ebenezer H. Belden of Gramercy Park, neighbor to the Lawrence's and Lott's, summered a little this side of Greenfield, and because of the large Norwalk family must have been interested in his foreparents' town; while of Mrs. John Glover and her Hoyt female friend (who to the last insisted that Hoyt should be H-a-i-g-h-t pronounced) it is told how they would delightfully end their Norwalk calls by a cup of tea partaken of at the now ancient Selleck house near Berkeley Place corner, West Avenue. These Fairfield ladies, who were welcomed in Norwalk, were ladies of position and connection. Mrs. Glover's daughter Martha married Rev. James Davenport Fitch of Stamford and had two children, one of whom married J. Howard Montgomery, son of the late Dr. Henry Eglington Montgomery of New York city and a brother of Mrs. W. G. Langdon of Norwalk. Dr. Henry E. Montgomery was cousin of Rev. William White Montgomery, whose Norwalk visits were continued until his life's close. John and Mary Crathorne Montgomery of

Philadelphia were the gr-parents of both of the clerical Montgomery cousins. John and Mary's son, Rev. Dr. James Montgomery, married, second, Mary H. White, a grand-daughter of Bishop William White, and had, Rev. William White Montgomery, who took pleasure in visiting the Norwalk intimate of his great grandfather Bishop White. This Norwalk intimate of Bishop White was William Cooper Mead, D.D., who just before the bishop's death, in Philadelphia, held and directed his hand the last time that his signature was document-affixed (testifying to Dr. McCloskey as bishop of Michigan.) Dr. James Montgomery's brother John C., who was the postmaster of Philadelphia, was the father of Rev. Dr. Henry E. Montgomery, rector of the Church of the Incarnation, New York city.

Another Fairfield visitor to Norwalk was Mrs. Jonathan Bulkley. Mr. Bulkley, a history-name, owned the admirable level immediately east of the present court house in Fairfield and now the site of the Glover house and grounds. Mrs. Bulkley was a daughter of James and Hannah Hoyt of Norwalk and a sister of Isaac Hoyt (grandfather of Gen. W. T. Sherman), and of Gould Hoyt who married Elizabeth Dimon of Fairfield and who built and occupied the Norwalk 1896 Main Street Edwin Hoyt family home. The late Mrs. Edwin Hoyt of Norwalk plainly reiter-



A JAMES ROGERS<sup>4th</sup>. NORWALK DESCENT.

James Rogers' estate was distributed March 15, 1740. Three representative citizens were chosen as distributors, viz: Thomas Benedict, Jr., Samuel Cluckstone and Samuel Ketchum. James<sup>4th</sup>, who does not appear in Norwalk, is the son first named; Mary, wife of John Chester is next named; then Esther, wife of John Seabury; Uriah; Jedediah; Nehemiah; Stephen; Moses; Aaron and Lemuel. Some twenty days before this distribution (Feb. 26, 1740) Michael Cluckstone was appointed guardian to Stephen, Aaron and Lemuel and required to furnish bonds to the amount of £1,000. The homestead was set-off to Nehemiah and Moses, and the first seems to have tenanted it. It stood near to where stands, in 1896, the East Norwalk station for New York trains. Nehemiah was now about twenty-two years old and was not yet married. The widow (Mrs. James Rogers<sup>3d</sup>) who had recently died, probably occupied the premises during life. There were three children, Elizabeth, Claron and Samuel un-named in the distribution. Possibly these, with the exception of Samuel, were deceased. Of Samuel, who does not seem to elsewhere belong, we have notice as late as in war times, in the Fairfield probate records.

James Rogers<sup>4th</sup>, (son of James<sup>3d</sup>, who with his second wife, Freelove, is interred in the 1896 East Norwalk cemetery) did not reside in Norwalk. He was born Aug. 20, 1704, and he married Mary, daughter of Peter Harris of New London County. To James<sup>4th</sup> and Mary were born nine children, one of whom, Peter<sup>1st</sup>, born Dec. 3, 1725, married in the eastern part of the Connecticut colony. Peter<sup>1st</sup> was a sea captain and died on one of his voyages, his sailors burying him on an island.<sup>1</sup> He left a son, Peter<sup>2d</sup>,

ated the old Hoyt mention that Mrs. Goold Hoyt's pleading (see page 45) saved this same homestead from the flames in 1779. Gen. Garth evidently had charge of the Tryon detachment which on that Sunday morning passed through what was then the upper portion of Main Street. It was the "Yeager" wing of the invaders that seemed to fall to Garth's command and the men were at times with difficulty held in check. Three days previous to Mrs. Goold Hoyt's Norwalk intercession her Fairfield sister-in-law, Mrs. Jonathan Bulkley, had the official "protection" for her premises from Garth himself, but the general's order had no effect whatever. His men (probably the same who heeded, three days afterward, Mrs. Goold Hoyt's Norwalk request) tore, in flat disobedience to Garth's mandate, Mrs. Bulkley's buckles from her shoes and ring from her finger and then fired her house. It must be remembered that at the devastation of New Haven, Fairfield and Norwalk, Garth was second in command. His superior, Tryon, had, it would appear, more immediate direction of the "regulars," a more orderly element, in all probability, than Garth's "Hessians." A bit of conjecture underlies the fact that Mrs. Bulkley should have had, on Thursday, a safety assurance (albeit disregarded)

from Gen. Garth, and that her brother's wife (Mrs. Goold Hoyt) should have made a successful Norwalk appeal on the next Sunday. It is a matter of record that, much to the indignation of a portion of the family of James and Hannah Hoyt, one of its members should have three years before, piloted the British (Gen. Howe's) fleet from Boston to New York. This identical member of the family interceded for his Fairfield sister, and was, possibly, the "power behind the throne" that secured the preservation of the to-day standing Norwalk Main Street Hoyt home.

The Fairfield-Norwalk drives of Dr. David Rogers, Sr. are one of the latter town's old memories. The Dr.'s birth place was on the Norwalk "Town Hill." This site, now covered by the residence of the late Mrs. James Mallory, witnessed to the nativity on Aug. 21, 1748, of a future metropolis physician, the family of whom delighted in Greenfield's altitude and attractiveness. It was natural for the Dr. to return to the family birth-place and the trip registrations of the family carriage hitherward are a part of our old annals.

<sup>1</sup>The line of Peter Rogers<sup>1st</sup>, through his son Peter<sup>2d</sup>, has been clearly traced and is in possession of Mrs. Samuel Daskam of Norwalk.





born in New London July 1st, 1754, who married July 6, 1782, Nancy, daughter of Benjamin Green. Peter<sup>2d</sup> and Nancy had Henry (Col. Henry) born Sept. 4, 1784, who married Aug. 31, 1817, Euince Wilcox, and had : Charles W. Rogers and Arietta M. Rogers (Mrs. Samuel Daskam) both of Norwalk.

Col. Henry Rogers is remembered in Norwalk as a typical gentleman, residing at ease, on East Avenue, and who much enjoyed the fine fishing and sailing facilities of Norwalk harbor. His widow outlived him for many years, her waning days having been soothed by a daughter's tenderness. By one of those coincidences, occurring occasionally, the Colonel, all unbeknown until the discovery of the fact by an Isthmus of Panama lad, (long after the Colonel's burial) was interred and now rests only a few feet from his New London great-great-grandfather in Norwalk's first cemetery. His grand-daughter, Mrs. James Lawrence Stevens of 1896 is of direct lineage, in the seventh generation, of James Rogers<sup>3d</sup>, and in the ninth generation of James Rogers<sup>1st</sup> of New London.

#### ROGERS MISCELLANY.

##### AN URIAH ROGERS "DEVELOPMENT."

Gen. I.—Uriah and Hannah (Lockwood) Rogers.

“ II.—Moss and Hannah (Rogers) Kent.

“ III.—William P. and Hannah (Kent) Platt.

William Pitt Platt, son of Judge Zephaniah Platt (the original proprietor of Plattsburgh, N. Y.) married Oct. 11, 1790, Hannah Kent, grand-daughter of Dr. Uriah Rogers, Sr. of Norwalk, and a sister of Chancellor James Kent. This Norwalk Rogers grandchild (Mrs. William P. Platt) was one of the most attractive women of Plattsburgh, N. Y., where she died Dec. 12, 1842, at the age of seventy-four years. Her husband, born April 30, 1771, was three years her junior, but died seven years before his wife. They had six children.

Judge Zephaniah Platt, father of the above Mr. and Mrs. William P. Platt, was the uncle of Col. Richard Platt, in whose arms General Richard Montgomery died, in Quebec, on the last day of 1775. A grand-niece of Col. Richard Platt, Mrs. Mary Garner Rider, to-day occupies the door-yard next to that in which Mrs. William P. Platt's great aunt, Elizabeth Fitch (Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers) of Norwalk, was brought up. Mr. William P. Platt's cousin Elizabeth (sister of Col. Richard Platt) married David S., born 1770, son of Nicholas C. and Anna (Schuyler) Bogart. Nicholas C. Bogart (son of Cornelis and Cornelia Bogart) was a heavy merchant of New York and lived and died on the corner of Liberty St. and Broadway. He was gr.-grd.-father of Mrs. M. G. Rider now of East Ave.

##### A NORWALK "OLD YEAR" ROGERS INCIDENT.

It was the evening of the last Sunday of 1771. The day had in all likelihood been spent, as was the olden custom, quietly and considerably in the sanctuary. From the home



of Dr. Uriah Rogers, Sr. (Mallory Mill Hill estate of 1896) to the "Meeting House" (Mr. William G. Thomas, East Avenue home 1896) was hardly a quarter-mile walk, and the Dr. wife, children and little James Kent had, very probably, attended morning and afternoon where minister Dickinson discoursed, that closing Lord's day of the year, upon the flight of time and the flux of life. The child, little James Kent, like young James King<sup>1</sup> (see note on page 171) of fifty years later, was here regarded. He was a grandson of Dr. Rogers, to whom he passed several years (1768-1772) while attending school, and probably not one of his numerous Norwalk kin dreamed that the youth's fame was, one day, to fill the world. Night had settled over "Mill Hill" and Sunday was already hard pursued by incoming Monday, when a mounted messenger from the east flit past The Green and alighted before Dr. Rogers' door. His errand was a sad one, for he informed the family that their daughter Hannah (Mrs. Moss Kent) and the lad's (James) mother, was dying at the Compo water side, some three or four miles away. Taking the boy James into the saddle with him the messenger spurred his steed over the Westport hills and across the Westport bridge, and down "Compo Road" until he reached the harbor-facing home (since the Lawrence Seaboard escape Villa.) At the door-step one stood waiting to receive the child to her arms. It was

<sup>1</sup>This Norwalk school lad was James Gore King, Jr., son of James G. 1<sup>st</sup>. and Sarah (Gracie) King and consequently a grandson of Hon. Rufus and Mary (Alsop) King, and a great-grandson of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Fitch) Rogers, which branch of the King family descended from Richard King, a Maine merchant of celebrity. The Ridgefield Kings, a member of which old household, J. Howard King, is (in 1896) greatly embellishing the King premises in that attractive town, stand in more immediate association with Gen. Joshua King, and once proprietor, in part, of the ancient "Mill" at "Norwalk Bridge."

Young James G. King<sup>2d</sup>, the transient Norwalk school-boy of the earlier nineteenth century, and who is here remembered with admiration, married his cousin, a daughter of Gov. John Alsop King. His sister married William Denning Duer, whose father, William Alexander Duer, was second cousin of the Philip Livingston alluded to in foot note, page 19, whose memorial is in the Norwalk Berkeley Street Chapel, and who was the son of Peter Van Brugh and Mary (Alexander) Livingston, and grandson of Philip and Katharine (Van Brugh) Livingston, who was the son of Robert Livingston, the American founder of the family. Philip Livingston of Norwalk memory, spent his summers at the family's Greenburgh (Dobb's Ferry) seat and passed the winter season at his town residence in Park place (afterward the home of Gould Hoyt<sup>2d</sup> of Norwalk.) His son, Peter Van Brugh Livingston, married Mrs. Maria (called in the family Harriet) Houstoun, and lived in Bleeker Street. He had, finally, the disposition of a goodly share of his father's estate, a portion

of which, falling under the hammer, was redeemed through the intervention of his cousin, Miss Elizabeth Ludlow. One of these restored family heirlooms is a robe of brocaded silk which belonged to Mrs. Philip Livingston (mother of Peter who married Mrs. Houstoun) and which has been preserved, converting it into covers for three small reception room divans. Another choice souvenir is the elegant fabric of white lace worn by a niece of Mrs. Philip Livingston (Mrs. John A. Willink) as bridesmaid at the wedding of John A., brother of President Charles and Hon. James G. King; while a still further Livingston relic is an oil painting, the work of Mrs. McKnight, daughter of William Edgar, which was bridal present at the Peter V. B. Livingston-Houstoun solemnities. These and other mementoes (referred to on page 174) are carefully Norwalk kept.

The story of the King bridesmaids robes and the several handsome "empire" suits which belonged to the Norwalk collection is quite unique. When Gen. Howe evacuated Boston and, piloted by a Norwalk Hoyt seaman, took up his encampment on Long Island, his officers often found that tired and dragged. During their long stay near the presidency of Brooklyn, parties were occasionally given to relieve the tedium. The several sisters of Mrs. Philip Livingston (see note page 17) were very social and were often invited guests. In return for their courtesies His Majesty's "command" presented their hostesses to the ladies as a leave-taking compliment at the close of the war. After their return to England they were still forgetful of their pleasant American associations and sent the referred-to robes to the family.



his aunt Lucy,<sup>1</sup> his father's sister, and the mother of Mrs. James Van Renssalaer, and sister of Mrs. John Kane whose son Elisha Kent Kane married Alida Van Renssalaer, which Elisha and Alida were the grandparents of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane, the Arctic explorer. Mrs. Lucy Cullen bore the just arrived Rogers grandson into the presence of his departing mother, who soon after her renown-destined offspring entered, closed her eyes in this world, forever. Her remains, as has been noted, were borne to South East. No Norwalk maiden has a prouder memory than Hannah Kent, and the cradle on "Mill Hill" and the grave in South East, was and is well filled.

#### MRS. HANNAH ROGERS' ANCESTORS, AFTERS AND AFFINITY.

Two of the 1650 settlers who crossed to Saugatuck to set foot on Norwalk soil, their future home, brought with them an infant of not more than two summers. The child's father had selected for himself a home-lot close to the "parade ground" and next the "meeting house." This fact indicated planter-prominence. Besides this the home-site of Matthew Marvin, Sr. was historic, in so far as it marked the "Hollow" in which it is claimed the new comers passed their first night or nights. The little infant which was brought up in that undulating meadow, and whose mother (an old Marvin will makes her out a step-mother) must time and again have been harrassed by reason of the red man's trespassing while the husband and older son were "down in the fields" planting or hoeing, was named Rachel, who in time married Samuel Smith, who early came to the plantation, and the family of whom were the first English owners of the high and healthful Smith's Ridge. The goodly couple had two daughters, Rachel and Lydia, both of whom wedded well known Norwalk young men. Across a few meadows from Lydia Smith's childhood home lived Ephraim Lockwood, the first of his name in Norwalk, who had married Mercy, daughter of Matthias St. John. In his hill-summit home (Earle's 1896) was born to Ephraim and Mercy Lockwood, a son who was called James. The Lockwood's became large land owners and to this day the name is acreage-associated. The young James Lockwood married Oct. 23, 1707, the young Lydia Smith, and husband and wife were blest, on the sixth anniversary of their bridal (Oct. 23, 1713), by the birth of their second child (they lost their

<sup>1</sup>Mary Kent, oldest daughter of Rev. Elisha Kent, married Malcolm Morrison of Patterson, N. Y., whose children were Archibald Morrison of Eton Hall, Kent, England, Mrs. James Adams and Mrs. Rev. John S. Stone of Cambridge, Mass. Lucy, next daughter of Rev. Elisha Kent, married Charles Cullen, a native of Ireland, but a resident in later life of Putnam County, N. Y. Their children were John and Charles Cullen who died unmarried, and Susan Delaney Cullen who married James Van Renssalaer of Utica, N. Y., a grandson of Gen. Robert Van Renssalaer of the Revolution. Sybil Kent, the next daughter of Rev. Elisha Kent, married John

Kane. He was a Scotchman and lived upon a farm in Pawling, Dutchess County, N. Y. These were the parents of a large descent. Their son, Elisha Kent Kane, married Alida Van Renssalaer, which two were the parents of U. S. Judge John Kent Kane of Philadelphia, who was the father of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane the Arctic explorer, and of Dr. John Kent Kane of the U. S. N., who married Mabel Bayard, daughter of U. S. Senator James Asheton Bayard of Wilmington, Del. Sarah Kent, the last (page 179) daughter of Rev. Elisha Kent, married Major Alexander Grant of the British Army, who was killed at the storming of Fort Montgomery, Oct. 7, 1771.





first child the year before) Hannah. This daughter, Hannah, married a young physician who had completed his studies in Hartford and now followed his New London father to Norwalk. This physician was Dr. Uriah, son of James Rogers<sup>3d</sup>. The Dr. and his wife chose for themselves a home site, central for the groom's profession and convenient in every way for a family residence (Mill Hill Mallory site). Here the distinguished two lived many years and had born to them, June 7, 1735, their oldest child, Hannah, who was to become the mother of Dr. James Kent, Chancellor.

The brother next to herself of Mrs. Dr. Uriah Rogers, Sr., James, was the Rev. James Lockwood who, Nov. 4, 1742, married Martha, daughter of Rev. Moses Dickinson, the Norwalk Congregational minister at that time. This Norwalk youth, not great in stature, but extraordinarily great as a scholar, was called in 1758 to succeed as president of the College of New Jersey, none the less than Dr. Jonathan Edwards, and in 1766, to follow, as head of Yale College, the retiring President Clapp. Both these offers were declined.

Among the reminiscences of a generation gone is that of the quietly dignified walk, in the morning or evening cool of the day, of Colonel Buckingham St. John Lockwood, to, around and from his East Avenue acreage estate. With cane in hand the venerable man could often be seen leisurely wending his way to the old "stile" (Norwalk Military Institute corner 1896), whence, after stopping a few moments and then lowering two or three rails to admit of passage through the "bars," he proceeded along the "lane" to overlook his meadows and rear forest-patch. Anon emerging therefrom and returning to the stile, he might possibly sometimes continue his stroll still further down the avenue. On the occasion of some such characteristic driving or walking trip he chanced to see, working as usual in his field, the industrious John L. Smith (father of Edmund of 1896), and, approaching him, thus addressed the farmer: "Do you know, Mr. Smith, that you are a Lockwood?" "I do, Colonel," was the reply; but while neither party at that time seemed able to get at the root of any near or remote Lockwood relationship, the incident-recall has suggested another family "study."

John Lockwood, born Feb. 8, 1719-20, younger brother of Mrs. Uriah Rogers, Sr., and consequently a son of Col. James and Lydia (Smith) Lockwood and grandson of Ephraim, appears to have had nine children, viz: John<sup>2d</sup>, Matthew, Jesse, Phineas, Seth (of Goshen, Conn.), Polly, Betty, Hannah and Sarah. His youngest daughter but one, Hannah, named quite possibly for Mrs. Dr. Rogers, married Sept. 14, 1780, James, son of Fountain Smith, the patriot.<sup>1</sup> James and Hannah (Lockwood) Smith became the parents

<sup>1</sup>The history of Fountain Smith, grandfather of John L. Smith, belongs to the Revolutionary period. He was born March 2, 1725, and was son of Robert and Judith (Fountain) Smith. Robert Smith came from Jamaica, Long Island, and made quite a desirable Norwalk purchase. He belonged to the Smith

family of Long Island and his mother was honored by a Jamaica public vote. Fountain was the oldest son of Robert, and his home was a little south of the homestead of his grandson, John L., at present the residence of Edmund Smith, son of John L. The old Fountain Smith well is shown to-day. On Sunday



on Nov. 5, 1787, of John L. Smith, whose grandfather John Lockwood was nephew of Eliphalet Lockwood, the great-great-grandfather of Col. Buckingham St. John Lockwood.

#### A SECOND ROGERS-LOCKWOOD CONNECTION.

Col. James Lockwood (son of settler Ephraim Lockwood), the father of Mrs. Uriah Rogers, Sr. of Norwalk, had a brother Joseph, born April 1, 1680, who married Aug. 14, 1707, Mary, daughter of John Wood of Stamford. The Woods were in Stamford as early as 1640-1 and the name appears in Norwalk at a no distant date from the town's settlement. Joseph Lockwood<sup>1st</sup>, as was the case with the earlier and later Lockwoods, had eligible land property. To himself and wife Mary was born Nov. 23, 1710, Joseph<sup>2d</sup>, who married Rebecca "Rodgers," born Dec. 2, 1716, of Huntington, Long Island. From a Norwalk carefully collated register of the Long Island Rodgers or Rogers it would seem that the Huntington family of that name proceeded directly from Thomas Rogers of the Mayflower. This claim is stoutly and, seemingly, successfully supported in this place. To Joseph<sup>2d</sup> and Rebecca "Rodgers" Lockwood was born, March 27, 1738, David, their oldest son and child. This son had been a soldier in the Fifth Connecticut Regiment when he married, on Aug. 6, 1777, Martha Trowbridge. There is a record of his dismissal, before his marriage, from active service, and a neat record of his procuring (in his place) and registration of (the very year of his wedding) an "able" man to "serve during the war." This is attested by Capt. Amos Waldbridge and has certification in the Norwalk land records. His

morning, July 11, 1779, said Fountain Smith had risen early, and although very deaf seemed aware that something unusual was transpiring. The morning was warm and he had removed or had not yet put on his coat. Suddenly Tryon's men, who were marching north from Fitch's Point came upon him, and took him coatless, a prisoner. Upon the enemies return, after firing the town, to their boats, he was carried to Long Island and sent to New York, where he soon ended his days, a victim of the cruelties of war. His widow, who was born in 1731, lived to be ninety-three years old and died, it is to be presumed, in the old house, occupied in 1896 by the aged Mrs. Albert Hyatt of Strawberry Hill. Here she lived, during widowhood, with her son Hutton (grandfather of Henry Seymour of West Avenue 1896) remaining so true to the cause vindicated by her martyr husband as to decline, afterwards, to sit at table with anyone professing royal sympathy. She died somewhat after mid-summer, 1824, and is buried in the ancient ground in East Norwalk. Her husband's remains were not brought to Norwalk.

James and Hannah (Lockwood) Smith, son and daughter-in-law of Fountain, lived in the home near Oyster Shell Point and immediately west of the residence in 1896 of the widow of Burr Hendrick. This was the home-premise before the Revolutionary war

of Col. Thomas Fitch. His father, Gov. Fitch, bought the property while his soldier son was heading several continental companies in the celebrated expedition of 1758 to the north, and it was while Col. Fitch was thus engaged that, in derision of the appearance of his command, an English official wrote, near East Albany, the wordy-jargon "Yankee Doodle," etc. When the town was burned the Colonel seems to have given up this home site and to have removed to the reconstructed home of his widowed mother on the East side of the Earle's Hill of 1896. James Smith was married to Hannah Lockwood, a little more than a year after Tryon's visit and settled, subsequently, on the old Col. Fitch property. He had one son other than John L. viz. James, Jr.

This is the orthography of the name as copied from a family bible which was long kept by a second cousin (Dorinda Collins) of Sir Garnet Woolsley of the British army. The Norwalk Collins occupied the venerable building, standing to-day, on the north-east corner of Main Street and the Winnipauk road. Since their day the same property had the Scotch Pierre for a tenant. Samuel Collins, the head of the family, and a cousin of Lord Woolsley, was the father-in-law of William Lockwood. This branch of the family has carefully preserved the Joseph Lockwood Bible record.





many descendants may consequently claim him as a genuine "revolutionary ancestor." Of these descendants mention may be made of his daughter Ruth, born Jan. 9, 1780, who married John Boalt.<sup>1</sup>

John Boalt was five years older than his Lockwood bride, who was named after her aunt Ruth, born Dec. 30, 1741. He was an ambitious man and in 1815 left Norwalk for residenceship in the western part of the state of New York, taking with him, with the other members of the family, his son Charles L., who was born in this town Nov. 27, 1802. Mr. Boalt remained in western New York some two years and then decided to plant himself in the new town of Norwalk, in the state of Ohio, and thence removed in 1817. His Norwalk, Conn. born son, Charles L., became one of the best and best known citizens of the whole western country. He died Aug. 10, 1870, having built a division of the Cleveland and Toledo Railroad and been president of the Sandusky, Mansfield and Newark Railroad of Ohio. He was a man of weight, worth and wealth, and his wife belonged to one of the distinguished families of Connecticut, being a daughter of Gov. Roger Griswold, son of Gov. Matthew Griswold. His daughter, the wife of Jay O. Moss of the Sandusky, Ohio, Moss Banking House, survives him. The career of no Rogers-Lockwood descendant confers greater honor upon native Norwalk than that of Charles L. Boalt, a man of preeminent probity and principle.

Another Joseph Lockwood-Rogers descendant, was Ebenezer, who married Mary, baptized Aug. 20, 1758, daughter of Lieut. and Martha (Couch) Godfrey of Fairfield. The memory of Ebenezer and Mary Lockwood's son, Edwin (Uncle Edwin) born Sept. 8, 1799, is still fragrant in Norwalk. "Count not your summer begun until Whitsunday comes," was one of his practical counsels, and to be amiable, affable and agreeable a part of his genial nature; while his brother Benjamin, born Sept. 18, 1777, and called, possibly, for his uncle Benjamin, of the army in Albany in 1776, was the father of LeGrand Lockwood whose name one intuitively idea-associates with grand financiering. Morris Ketchum was unintimidated, indeed, when others deemed the originally demanded N. Y. & N. H. R. R. three millions stock subscription to be a hazardous adventure, but could himself or his contemporaries

<sup>1</sup>Richard Bold, Bolt, Boalt, Boulton, Sr., was a soldier of Cromwell, who, as was true of his young companion in arms, John Reed, Sr., came to America and settled not a great distance from an old boundary line (on the Sound) between the colonies of Connecticut and New York. Whether or no these two fellow Cromwelians were personally acquainted it is perhaps impossible now to decide, but their first New World landed properties lay only a few miles apart and their earliest Norwalk estates almost if not quite adjoined each other. Richard Bolt, Sr. had a son John, born, seemingly, not far from 1670, near Horse-neck (Port Chester, N. Y.) On Nov. 23, 1694, there appears to have been a triple marriage in the Clemence family of Stamford. The three daughters of

Rev. William and Elizabeth Clemence, viz: Elizabeth, Hannah and Mary, seem to have, on the same date, married respectively, John Boulton<sup>1st</sup>, Caleb Knapp and John Butler. John and Elizabeth (Clemence) Boulton came to Norwalk, although they probably lived, for a short time after marriage, in New York. Their oldest son, Richard<sup>2d</sup>, was, according to a Norwalk Record, born in "New York Island." The family grew to large proportions in Norwalk and its ancient "Canaan" and "Oblong" limits. A portion of the "Canaan" Boulton property embraced the to-day valuable "Church Hill" neighborhood, while flowers set out, in all probability by the Boulds, bloomed, a pathetic sight, in 1896, in the long ago silent and deserted Boulton door yard in the "Oblong."



ary Lockwood return, their methods, contrasted with the magnificent scale on which the same corporation's business is in 1896 conducted, would seem, even to themselves, as primitive perhaps as to us seem the methods of the road's faithful superintendent of their time, James H. Hoyt, who was likely, during the first years of his incumbency, to have been overheard at the Stamford depot, instructing some afternoon "up" conductor to leave an order, upon his New Haven arrival, for an "extra" or so to be attached to a down train, and either dropped at Stamford or drawn through to N. Y., ready for an anticipated traffic "emergency."

#### LOCKWOOD-ROGERS-CANNON MENTION.

Joseph Lockwood<sup>2d</sup>, born April 1, 1750, son of Joseph<sup>1st</sup> and Rebecca (Rogers) Lockwood, married Isabel Scribner, born Feb. 25, 1755, and had Fanny, born June 29, 1784. Scribner is a family name, Norwalk-introduced from Huntington, Long Island. (See foot note, page 106). Fanny, daughter of Joseph<sup>2d</sup> and Isabel Lockwood married John<sup>3d</sup>, born May 16, 1778, son of John<sup>2d</sup> and Sarah (St. John) Cannon. The groom's father was a son of "Commodore" John and Esther (Perry) Cannon, and his mother was Sarah, daughter of Col. Stephen and Ann (Fitch) St. John. As Ann Fitch was a daughter of Hon. Samuel Fitch and sister of Elizabeth (Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers) John Cannon<sup>3d</sup> was consequently of Fitch blood. He was the brother-in-law of Isaac Scudder Isaacs (father of Judge Benj. and his brothers Chas., William and John Isaacs) and also of Matthew Marvin whose home-site in the Pimpewaugh Valley is a "thing of beauty" at this date. Among his own brothers and sisters were George who married Betsey, daughter of Stephen Hanford of Chestnut Hill, and whose son, Dr. George Cannon of the West, was the father of Elizabeth, who married (first wife and the mother of his children) the late William G. Spencer, D.D. of Washington, Conn., and formerly rector of Trinity Church, South Norwalk and Antoinette, who down to advanced life was the highly respected wife and for many after years widow of Hon. Thaddeus Betts, a Senator, in 1840, of the United States.

The Rev. David Rogers Austin, for several years the zealous pastor of the Second Congregational Church, South Norwalk, was the son of John Punder-son and Sarah (Rogers) Austin. His Greenfield Hill grandmother, Mrs. Dr. David Rogers, Sr., (son of Dr. Uriah Sr., and Hannah Lockwood Rogers of Norwalk) was Martha, daughter of Charles Tennent of Maryland, and distinguished for her true piety and thorough culture, the home at Greenfield was one of reputation. Her father, Charles Tennent, was one of four sons who were educated, says Boudinot, under the sole instructions of their scholar father, Rev. William Tennent, a Presbyterian divine. She was first cousin of the Rev. William Tennent of Freehold, N. J., whose remarkable vision is a matter of minute record. Her second cousin was the Princeton gradu-

ate, pastor of the First Congregational Church, Norwalk, from 1765 to 1772.

The Greenfield Rogers hearthstone was one of New England's "Historic homes on Golden Hills," the memory of which ought not to be suffered to be "forsaken and forgotten." Dr. David Rogers, Sr., who planted it, is to-day represented in his native town, Norwalk, by his great-grandson, Judge Alfred E. Austin, son of the deceased Rev. David R. Austin, formerly of South Norwalk.

<sup>1</sup>When this road was projected there was doubt in some quarters whether a line, even of but one track only, could be made to pay. Morris Ketchum was not of this school of thought evidently, and the Robert Schuyler irregularity itself did not seem to shake his confidence.



James L. Cannon, the Westport druggist, represents, in 1896, his father and mother, John<sup>3</sup> and Fanny (Lockwood) Cannon. See Cannon lineage.

Stephen, born Aug. 16, 1754, was next to the youngest son of Joseph and Rebecca (Rogers) Lockwood. He married, April 14, 1782, Sarah, born March 7, 1757, daughter of Dr. Thaddeus and Elizabeth (Maltby) Betts. From this union sprang Ralph Lockwood who, taking for his bride Esther Antoinette, daughter of Capt. Moses and Esther Gregory went to the West. The visits of himself and wife to the old forefather's hearth are among the living memories of to-day, and the remembrance of the western Lockwood's gathering at old Mrs. Jabez Gregory's (mother of Capt. Moses) near the spring<sup>1</sup> is gratifying even now.

Elizabeth, born March 24, 1791, daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Betts) Lockwood married David Gibbs, a record which opens up fairly a "mine" of Norwalk, Conn. and Norwalk, Ohio, history. She belonged to a family of eight children. Her father was brought up in old "Pudding Lane" (Main Street 1896), and Centre Avenue is cut through the very site of the Joseph Lockwood barn-yard, while her mother was bred just where now stands the First Congregational Church on "Norwalk Green." Her grandmother Betts, (second wife of Dr. Thaddeus Betts) who was of the old Maltby family, died Feb. 8, 1789. Her grandfather, Dr. Thaddeus Betts, lived to be eighty-two, and died when she was sixteen years old (March 22, 1807).

In the year 1815 her husband, accompanied by her brother Henry, who had just passed his twentieth birthday, left Norwalk to examine, with reference to settlement, different places in what was then known as the "West." They finally reached Norwalk, Ohio, the first settler at which place had been one of the New Canaan (Silvermine) Comstock. They were so pleased with their prospecting trip and its discovery, that they returned to Connecticut and made immediate preparation for removal to Ohio, and on Jan. 24 following, their team was driven out of this town bound for its namesake plantation, Norwalk, Ohio, where they arrived on the last day of April, and where David Gibbs became prominent and lived (there or in the neighborhood) for twenty-four years. He was born in this town May 22, 1788, and died in Norwalk, Ohio, March 16, 1840. His wife Elizabeth survived him for about one third of a century, when this Norwalk, Conn. born child, and Norwalk, Ohio, citizen, passed hence, Oct. 4, 1873, at the ripe age of eighty-two.

<sup>1</sup>The description of this home, alluded to in note on page 84, would be incomplete destitute of the following:

#### THE JABEZ GREGORY DAIRY.

"Grandmother" Jabez Gregory's "Spring" milk house, afterward removed to East Avenue, was if not a modern, yet a model creamery, and in her day well worth a body's while to visit. It stood at the water-side end of the yard (covered to-day by the rears of the John Bennett and adjoining Main Street

stores) and was neatness-nicety itself. One could feast one's eyes upon its sight, white and sweet, inside and out, as lime could make and keep it. The milk from kine fed in pastures, flavored by the early autumn pearly dew, was poured from the milk-maid's pail into bright pans which stood upon broad shelves kept spotlessly clean, and when the golden cream was "set" it was rewarding and a revelation for anyone to pass under the Gregory boughs to behold the same. Even in the Gregory day, the virtues of dairy art and light and ventilation seemed well understood.





## LOCKWOOD-ROGERS-MARVIN.

Sarah, born Sept. 15, 1745, daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Rogers) Lockwood, married, Nov. 26, 1761, Ozias, born Jan. 29, 1737, son of Matthew and Elizabeth (Clark) Marvin. From this union have descended useful and honored Norwalk citizens. Ozias Marvin was a public man and could boast of descent (see page 151) in the fifth generation, (Matthew<sup>1st</sup>, Matthew<sup>2d</sup>, Samuel<sup>3d</sup>, Matthew<sup>4th</sup>, Ozias<sup>5th</sup>) from Matthew Marvin the settler. Ozias and Sarah Marvin had a numerous family, and the Lockwood-Rogers-Marvin blood is a stream that courses many veins at the present day. The children of Ozias and Sarah Marvin were:

Ozias<sup>2d</sup>; born Feb. 10, 1763.<sup>1</sup>

Hannah; born Oct. 1764, married David Comstock, died May, 1844.

Elizabeth; born Nov. 1766, married William Bennett.

Sarah; born June 21, 1768, married Samuel Burwell.

Esther; born June 12, 1770, married Isaac Church.

Joseph Lockwood;<sup>2</sup> born Dec. 31, 1772.

James; born Dec. 11, 1774; died Nov. 11, 1776.

Clark; born Oct. 13, 1776.

Asa; born Oct. 26, 1778.

Mary; born June 9, 1781, married Daniel Tebbetts.

Silas; born March 1, 1784.

Charles; born Feb. 9, 1786; died Feb. 1, 1838.

## LOCKWOOD-ROGERS-SEYMOUR.

It may not be inappropriate to reserve for the conclusion of the description of the

Shortly after Mrs. Jabez Gregory's decease in 1839, the ownership of the property changed hands and the building and grounds were otherwise use-appropriated. The ancient building was added to in the rear, almost to the river's edge, and the south adjoining grounds became a sort of yard and "garden" adjunct to a "refreshment place" which was kept in the lower story of the remodeled Gregory home.

<sup>1</sup>Ozias<sup>2d</sup>, the oldest son of Ozias<sup>1st</sup> and Sarah Marvin, married three times. His first wife was Mary Bennett, his second Mrs. Eunice Parmelee, and his third Mrs. Althea Herrick. His children were by his first wife. He, in early life, removed to central New York where he was long held in esteem and where he lived to attain to nearly ninety years of age. He died April 10, 1848.

<sup>2</sup>Joseph L. Marvin's descendants are referred to on page 152. His son, Hon. David Meeker Marvin, born Oct. 20, 1802, a Connecticut senator, was an influential citizen of Westport whose children are among

that town's best known people in 1896. Mr. Marvin married Jan. 8, 1824, Mary, daughter of John Taylor, whose business establishment stood under the spreading boughs which in 1896 shade and grace the west front corner of his grandson, William H. Marvin's, extensive home-grounds on the old Connecticut turnpike. The Taylor family is one of the most ancient households of Norwalk, and its Saugatuck branch grew to such strength, numerically and acreage wise, that a former designation of that part of old Norwalk (now Westport) through which, on the west bank of the river, the Connecticut turnpike was cut, was "Taylor Town." The children of Hon. David M. and Mary Marvin were Walter T., who resided in New York; William H., who occupies his Taylor grandfather's home-site, and who has carefully protected the old John Taylor well, near the street; John J.; David, who died at two years of age; and Frederick D. The Marvins of Mott Haven, now of New York City, belong to this family.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes the need for transparency and accountability in financial reporting.

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Norwalk settlers Home-lot XI, which had for its early possessors Richard Seymour and James Rogers<sup>3d</sup>, a Rogers-Seymour mention.

Joseph Lockwood<sup>3d</sup>, son of Joseph<sup>2d</sup> and Rebecca Rogers Lockwood, and grandson of Joseph Lockwood<sup>1st</sup>, who was son of Ephraim, the Norwalk Lockwood settler, was born Oct. 2, 1778, and took to wife, Rebecca, born June 7, 1781, daughter of James<sup>1st</sup> and Rebecca (Keeler) Seymour. The fruit of this union was:

William; born June 29, 1801.

Harriet; born May 6, 1804.

James; born Sept. 19, 1806.

Rebecca Frances; born Jan. 23, 1821.

It should be recalled that the Rebecca Rogers Lockwood descendants are not, at least as far as is now known, from James Rogers<sup>3d</sup>, but from the Long Island Rogers family branch.

Upon this subject the able words of the departed Dr. Benjamin W. Dwight of Clinton, Oneida County, New York, as appeared in an 1884 article in the N. Y. Gen. and Biog. Record, will here bear repetition. "Investigators into its (the Norwalk James Rogers<sup>3d</sup> family) supposed early continental history have quite uniformly gone astray in conceiving at the outset, that this family of Rogers was of Long Island origin (as of Huntington, Southampton, or Hempstead.) Many have persistently followed up what stray hints they could find as guesses, which are often the first immature form of what prove in the end to be real discoveries, or at least very valuable theories; but never has one of them found any real satisfaction in his researches in any such direction, or any increase of light at all as he has moved onward in any particular line of exploration. Said one who had been specially diligent in such a way to the writer, after a long experience of continued disappointment: 'I have always expected that Providence would help me some day to get that Huntington-Rogers family record, and I have not yet lost hope that I shall get it, somewhere, somehow!' Behold, my good friend, the desired day has at last come to you! Take freely the light here offered: it has cost much painstaking patience to procure it. Seek resolutely what further light you crave, from the same quarters whence this has reached you. No one can find gold by digging, however long or hopefully, in earth that does not contain it, or arrive at any desired destination by travelling, with whatever eagerness, in 'paths that lead only to bewilder, and dazzle only to blind.'"

The day may come when the relation of Jas. Rogers<sup>1st</sup> of New London and Jas. <sup>3d</sup> of Norwalk to the Long Island Rogers and of both households to John Rogers of Smithfield will be document-determined. The descent of Rebecca Rogers, whom Rev. Ebenezer Prime, on March 10, 1737, married to Joseph Lockwood of Norwalk has been ascertained and elsewhere appears, and like success may reward research in the "martyr" direction. Be this as it may, however, early Norwalk Home-lot XI. is a genealogy-shrine.

Here. May be time to work it out







#### THE PRESENT.

The Le Grand Lockwood (Matthews 1898) Mansion Gate-way. This entrance faces the ancient James Benedict portal and occupies its near site.

*This was the Gate Lodge, not the main house. This was built first.*



HOME-LOT XII.<sup>1</sup>

THOMAS FITCH, SENIOR.

THE "GOVERNOR FITCH TREE."<sup>2</sup>

(From a photograph made during the recent "beetle-devastation" of the Norwalk elms.)

The Fitch family emigrated from Bocking, Essex County, England.  
 "John Fitch, who was living at Fitch Castle" (parish of Widdington),  
 Essex County, is mentioned as early as 1294.

Thomas Fitch, Sr.<sup>3</sup> and settler, son of Thomas Fitch of Bocking, Essex County,

<sup>1</sup>It belonged originally to Edward Church, of whom but little seems to have been ascertained.

<sup>2</sup>This tree, set out it is believed by Gov. Thomas Fitch, and now, with the exception of a section of its barkless trunk, entirely a thing of the past, was one of the finest specimens of its species in Norwalk. It was denominated the Norwalk "King of Elms," its partner, the Norwalk "Queen of Elms," being the Main Street McClure tree (opposite the Sherman House, corner of Main and Cross Streets) which was, at first, transplanted from Cranberry Plains by Jacob Jennings<sup>1st</sup>. Beneath the Gov. Fitch tree stood the home of that official. The rear of the existing East Avenue Gov. Fitch house is considered to have once been a sort of Fitch "adjunct" which escaped Tryon's faggots and was incorporated as a part of the post-revolutionary Fitch home. The governor's well is pointed out to-day. At its side stood, for many years, the governor's "chair" which piece of furniture has, in some way, been lost.

The Norwalk elms have been one of the beauties of this ancient town. In addition to the elms "King and Queen" (Fitch and Jennings) elms, others of the same variety call for notice. Josiah Hanford Fitch chose from the woods the several fine elms which, from 1816 have, until recently, sentinelled the Moody residence on East Avenue. The elm on "The Green,"

at the north-west corner of the "old meeting house," (removed in 1849) beneath which stood the alighting rock upon which Miss Phæbe Comstock and other worthies from a distance stepped from their saddles or vehicles to engage in public worship, was one of the most shapely of all the Norwalk family. Rev. Dr. John Bowden planted the majestic monarchs which until a short period past have made the rectory grounds of St. Paul's Church one of the most attractive parsonage-properties in the State. Dr. Jonathan Knight set out the elm row near the Peter Guigue floral enclosure of 1896. The grand Hezekiah Jarvis, Noah Barnum, Eliphalet Lockwood, John Wasson (afterward W. K. James), Benj. Isaacs, Mrs. Eliza Selleck, Henry Belden, William Johnson, Samuel Cannon, John Cannon, Wm. St. John, Jona. Camp, Goold Hoyt, Ebenezer Church, Ebenezer (Czar) Hyatt, (town children's home 1896) Jonathan Fitch, Samuel Marvin, James Benedict (now Mathews) and the simply magnificent Prospect, Flax and Roton Hills elms will never, it is probable, have their peers. The loss, in late years, by the elm beetle is irreparable, but it behooves the present generation to imitate its fathers and provide, by replacing the old, for the future adornment of this, of yore, truly tree-lovely township.

<sup>3</sup>Confirmed by General Court as "Recorder of Laws" Feb. 26, 1659.



Probably after 1648

England, arrived with his widowed mother<sup>1</sup> in 1635-38 in America and was in Norwalk certainly in 1652, perhaps before. The earliest date affixed to any English Norwalk deed stands attached to a **Thomas Fitch, Sr. grant in 1652**.<sup>2</sup> He came, it may be inferred, from the vicinity of **Hartford**, and accompanied by his **brother Joseph**.<sup>2</sup> As appears from his will he had a number of children, but none, perhaps of Norwalk birth. He does not seem to have had a permanent house-lot in Norwalk until he purchased, in 1654, the same from Edward Church. His children were **Thomas**<sup>2d</sup>, **John**<sup>1st</sup>, **Mary**,<sup>3</sup> **Ann** (Mrs. John Thompson of Farmington), **Sarah** (Mrs. John Burr of Fairfield), and, some one supposes, Samuel of **Hartford**, who did not come to Norwalk. **Thomas Fitch**<sup>1st</sup> died in 1704.

Samuel ped.  
A brother, not  
a son.

Thomas Fitch<sup>2d</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>1st</sup>, and made free by order of General Court, May 21, 1657, married about 1662, Ruth, daughter of "farmer" George Clark of Milford, and had :

Sarah, born 1663.

Thomas<sup>3d</sup>, born 1665.

Mary, born 1668.

Samuel, born 1681. No Norwalk appearance.

There is here a possible error of ten years; but if the date is correct there must have been a birth (followed possibly by death) between Mary and Samuel, as Thomas Fitch<sup>2d</sup> reports as having, in 1672, four children.

**John Fitch**<sup>1st</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>1st</sup>, married Dec. 3, 1664, **Rebecca**, daughter of Henry and Rosamond **Lindall** of New Haven, and had :

John<sup>2d</sup>; born Sept. 29, 1677.

Rebecca; born Jan. 15, 1679.

Nathaniel; born Nov. 6, 1682.

Mary; married, Dec. 13, 1711, Ebenezer, son of Thomas and grandson of John Gregory, Sr.

**Mary**; born 1643, daughter of Thomas Fitch<sup>1st</sup> married, as his second wife, **Capt.**

<sup>1</sup>Claimed to have been Anna Pew, who was married to Thomas Fitch (father of Thomas<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk) Aug. 6, 1611 (church record at Bocking, Essex County, England.) Her husband, Thomas Fitch, was born 1590 and died about 1632, as his will was proved Feb. 12, 1632.

<sup>2</sup>Joseph Fitch<sup>1st</sup>, brother of Thomas<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk, remained in Norwalk only a short time. He went, see note, page 40, to Hartford, where he married Mary, daughter of Rev. Samuel and Elizabeth (Allen) Stone. Sarah, sister of Mrs. Joseph Fitch, married Thomas Butler of Hartford.

It is a matter of genealogical record that Heze-

kiah Haynes of New England, son by his first wife, of Gov. John Haynes of New England, was a brother-in-law of Joseph Fitch<sup>1st</sup>. This fact may help explain the impression on the part of General Grant Fitch (son of Haynes and grandson of James Fitch<sup>1st</sup>) of Gov. Haynes-Fitch affinity. It seems to throw no light upon "Mr. William Haynes" of early Norwalk history who was an ancestor of General Grant Fitch. Mr. Haynes' pedigree is an interesting "study." See Haynes article.

<sup>3</sup>The will (1678) of Richard Lyon of Fairfield, mentions Mary Fitch (daughter of Thomas<sup>1st</sup>) as cousin. (Niece, it should probably read.)





Matthew, son of Thomas Sherwood of Fairfield. There were six children, but no Norwalk descent from this union. The wife died on Christmas Day, 1730.

Ann; daughter of Thomas Fitch<sup>1st</sup>, married John Thompson of Farmington, and had no Norwalk descent.

Sarah, daughter of Thomas Fitch, married John, son of John Burr of Fairfield. There was no Norwalk, but there was noticeable Fairfield descent from this union. John and Sarah (Fitch) Burr's daughter, Sarah, married June 29, 1692. Rev. Charles Chauncey, grandson of President Charles Chauncey, second president of Harvard College, and their son Samuel was for many years Master of the Charlestown, Mass., Grammar School.

The 1650 Hartford Samuel Fitch may possibly have been the brother of Thomas<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk. He married Susannah, the widow of William Whiting, and had by her Samuel, who went to Milford, and Thomas, born in 1652, who married, in 1680, Abigail, daughter of Ensign William and Sarah Goodrich, which Sarah was a daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth Marvin of Norwalk. The Thomas and Abigail (Goodrich) Fitch children were:

Thomas; born July 20, 1680, died young.

Sybil; born Nov. 2, 1684, died an infant of a few weeks.

The children's mother died at the close of 1684.

The widow of Samuel Fitch (Mrs. Whiting) married third, Alexander Bryan of Milford, but well known in early Norwalk, and her son Samuel Fitch married Sarah Bryan, daughter of Richard, who was the son of Alexander Bryan. Samuel and Sarah (Bryan) Fitch had only one child, Sarah, who married Zachariah Whitman, which may account for the introduction of that name into the later family of Samuel and Elizabeth (Platt) Fitch.

Thomas Fitch<sup>1st</sup> makes no mention of his daughter Sarah in his will, neither of any Hartford Fitch relationship or connection. He appointed his son John sole executor, who gave to the children of his deceased sister (Sarah Burr) "as much as his father gave the other children."

The Norwalk Fitch mother (wife of Thomas<sup>1st</sup>) is claimed to have been a daughter of Richard Platt<sup>1st</sup>. One sentence in the will of her husband reads thus, "my loving cousin Sergeant John Platt." "Cousin" should here, it is probable, read nephew, but in the absence of documentary evidence, inference should be drawn with caution.

Thomas<sup>1st</sup> overlived, by several years, his son Thomas<sup>2d</sup>. The senior Thomas' residence was somewhere near the present Enos Osborn East Avenue home, and Thos. junior's home was originally on the opposite side of the street, a little to the southeast of "Goodman Hoyt's," now Earle's Hill.

Thomas Fitch<sup>2d</sup> bore in early days the title of Sergeant. He died in the prime of life, leaving a widow (who was twice married after his day), and a son not yet out of his teens, who was to be a Governor's father. His widow was the sister of Mrs. Abigail Pierson (wife of the first rector of Yale College), and of Sarah, wife of the renowned Indian fighter,

Thomas I  
Anne<sup>+</sup> Stacie



Reynold Marvin of Lyme. Mrs. Thomas Fitch<sup>2d</sup> married second, Robert Plum of Milford, and had one child, Robert, who died young, and she married, third, John Wheeler of Woodbury, in which place she probably died.

After the decease of Deacon Henry Lindall of New Haven, his widow married Nathaniel Richards, a Norwalk pioneer. She brought four Lindall daughters to her Norwalk home, all of whom here found husbands. John Fitch took her daughter, Rebecca, to wife; John Hoyt took Mary; Ralph Keeler<sup>2d</sup> took Grace, and Joseph Ketchum<sup>1st</sup> took Mercy.

Thomas Fitch<sup>2d</sup> died 1684. His father overlived him about twenty years.

Sarah, oldest child of Thomas<sup>2d</sup> and Ruth Fitch, married John Ford of Milford, and had no discovered Norwalk descent.<sup>1</sup>

Thomas<sup>3d</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>2d</sup> and Ruth Fitch, married, first, Sarah;<sup>2</sup> second, Rhoda,<sup>3</sup> and third Rachel,<sup>4</sup> and had by Sarah, first wife:<sup>5</sup>

Thomas<sup>4th</sup> (Governor); born 1700, married Hannah Hall.

Samuel<sup>1st</sup>;

James; born 1702, married widow Mary Buckingham.

Elizabeth; married first, May 17, 1721, Joshua, son of Samuel, son of John Raymond<sup>1st</sup>; married, second, Rev. Elisha Kent, see page 179.

Mary, daughter of Thomas<sup>2d</sup> and Ruth Fitch, married Daniel Terrell of Milford, and had no known Norwalk descent. Samuel, son of Thomas<sup>2d</sup> and Ruth Fitch, probably died young.<sup>6</sup>

#### A JOHN FITCH DESCENT.

John Fitch<sup>1st</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>1st</sup>, married Dec. 3, 1674, Rebecca, one of the four daughters of the deceased Deacon Henry Lindall of New Haven. The widow of Henry Lindall married, second, Nathaniel Richards, who was one of the first comers to the new Norwalk settlement. Mrs. Lindall brought with her to the Richards-Lindall home her daughters by her former husband, Mary, Rebecca, Grace and Mercy. All had been baptized in New Haven by Rev. John Davenport, on, in their order, the following dates: July 19, 1646, Oct. 20, 1652, April 5, 1656 and Jan. 30, 1658. Young John Fitch lived the very next door to Rebecca's home (near Campbell East Avenue 1896 residence). After marriage he founded his own home and became a settler of importance. His children were:

John<sup>2d</sup>; born Sept. 29, 1677.

<sup>1</sup>Here is found the Fitch ancestry of the late Nathan G. Pond of Milford.

<sup>2</sup>Dexter's Yale College Record.

<sup>3</sup>Norwalk Land Records.

<sup>4</sup>Will of Thomas Fitch<sup>3d</sup>.

<sup>5</sup>Had no children by last two wives.

<sup>6</sup>In the Milford records is mention that Mrs.

Ruth (Clark) Fitch deeds to her children, Daniel and Mary (Fitch) Terrell, and John and Sarah (Fitch) Ford certain lands in consideration that they renounce their rights in the estate of her son, Samuel Fitch deceased, in favor of her son, Thomas Fitch (father of Governor Thomas Fitch.) The father of Gov. Fitch was Thomas<sup>3d</sup>.





Rebecca; born, Jan. 15, 1679.

Nathaniel; born, Nov. 6, 1682.

Mary; married, Dec. 13, 1711, Ebenezer Gregory.

Names are not always capriciously assigned. John was a Fitch family name beyond the sea. Rebecca was the first name of Mrs. John Fitch<sup>1st</sup>. Nathaniel was undoubtedly in honor of Nathaniel Richards (Mrs. John Fitch's step-father), while Mary was the name of an aunt. These children, all, took family names. *(Also a family name in England James & Thomas bro. Kath)*  
 John Fitch<sup>2d</sup>, son of John<sup>1st</sup> and Rebecca, married Lydia, one of the seven daughters (no sons) of Francis Bushnell. This Bushnell youth (Francis) was a contribution to the Norwalk settlement. His wife Hannah, to whom he was married Oct. 12, 1675, was, on that date, twenty years and eight months old, to a day. She was the oldest daughter of Thomas Seymour<sup>1st</sup> (son of Richard<sup>1st</sup>) and the first-fruit of his happy marriage to a daughter of Matthew Marvin, Sr., Hannah, who was a young lady (born in England) of sixteen, when her father moved from Hartford to Norwalk. Francis and Hannah Bushnell founded a home at the foot of Strawberry Hill, Norwalk, and their old well, probably jointly used with the Barnum's (Thomas Barnum was next neighbor) can be seen to-day a little north of the home of the late Daniel Fitch. Francis Bushnell was one of the founders, in 1685, of Danbury, and Norwalk thereby lost, in himself and wife, two good settlers. He died in 1697, some years, evidently, before his daughter Lydia (mentioned fourth, in children's order, in his inventory) married John Fitch<sup>2d</sup>, whose children were:

Matthew; born, May, 1708.

Theophilus;

Bushnell;

Rebecca; married John, son of Samuel Richards.

Lydia; married William Bolt.

John.

Matthew Fitch<sup>1st</sup>, son of John<sup>2d</sup> and Lydia, lived in New Canaan and was twice married. His first wife was Jemima, daughter of Eber St. John. By her he had one child, born Dec. 25, 1735, and baptized the next year by Rev. John Eells of New Canaan. Mrs. Matthew Fitch<sup>1st</sup> died and Mr. Fitch married, second, Dec. 7, 1738, Lydia, daughter of Nathan Olmstead. (See foot note, page 104.) By this union there were Nathan, Mercy, Hannah, Matthew<sup>2d</sup>, Lydia, Rebecca and Susanna.

Theophilus Fitch<sup>1st</sup>, son of John<sup>2d</sup> and Lydia, was New Canaan's old and well known citizen, whose family story is interwoven with several of the excellent household histories of that interesting and genealogically inviting town. His youngest son, Joseph, born Oct. 1758, lived on the rural road that to-day directly connects Brushy and Smith's Ridges. On Oct. 12, 1784, said Joseph married Hannah Sperry, the first child of which couple was



a daughter who took her mother's name. This daughter, Hannah, born April 23, 1786, married Sherman, son of Rev. Justus Mitchell. Sherman and Hannah Mitchell had a daughter, Martha, who married Joseph<sup>2d</sup>, son of Joseph<sup>1st</sup> and Martha (Leeds) Silliman, which Silliman mention makes logical the insertion, in this particular place, of the following:

NORWALK-CANAAN GOV. WILLIAM LEETE DESCENT.

During a brief portion of one of Norwalk's settlement-years, the young daughter of Gov. Leete of Guilford, was prohibited, although she "could not perceive the reason of it at the time," from going near her father's store in that town.<sup>1</sup> In the cellar of that store were concealed King Charles' two judges, Goffe and Whalley, concerning which refugees Rev. John Davenport of the colony had preached, admonishingly, from the text:

"Take counsel, execute judgment, make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday, hide the outcast, betray not him that wandereth: Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler.—Isaiah xvi, 3-4.

and the store premises referred to were, for the time being, quarantined. This maiden married John Trowbridge of New Haven, and was the mother of one only daughter, Anne, who by her marriage, on Nov. 30, 1708, to Samuel Cooke, principal of the Hopkins Grammar School, New Haven, became the parent of a numerous Norwalk and New Canaan offspring.

Samuel Cooke, born Nov. 22, 1687, was a son of Thomas Cooke, Jr., and a grandson of the Milford Cooke settler of 1650, who having prepared for the Congregational ministry, accepted a call—"£100 a year with firewood"—to the parish in Stratfield, now Bridgeport.<sup>2</sup> He is described as being dignified in manner and as wearing a "particularly careful" ministerial dress. His bride, Anne Trowbridge, was a trifle past twenty on their wedding day. Seven children were born to them, of whom, Anne, the youngest, married, in 1742, Rev. Robert Silliman, son of Robert<sup>2d</sup> and Ruth (Treadwell) Silliman, which Robert<sup>2d</sup> was a son of Robert<sup>1st</sup> and Sarah (Hull) Silliman, which Robert<sup>1st</sup> was a son of Daniel Silliman the settler, all of Fairfield. Immediately after his marriage, Rev. Robert Silliman removed to New Canaan, having there been called to succeed Rev. John Eells as pastor. He remained in New Canaan about thirty years, and on Jan. 8, 1772, accepted a call to Saybrook, where he resided until his death in 1781. His wife died two and a half years before his own unexpected decease in New Canaan, where he was visiting, and in which place he is buried. He was highly connected, being nephew of Hon. Ebenezer Silliman<sup>3</sup> of Fairfield, and cousin of Gen. Gold Selleck Silliman of the Revolutionary period, and second cousin to the future Prof. Benjamin Silliman of Yale College. He left five sons

<sup>1</sup>Barber's Connecticut.

<sup>2</sup>Dexter's Yale Annals.

<sup>3</sup>Was General Assembly deputy for fourteen consecutive sessions, during the last five of which he was

speaker of the House and lost his office because that he administered the Stamp Act oath to Gov. Fitch of Norwalk. The Silliman name has long dignified Fairfield County history.



owners. In the plantation-particular, however, Norwalk has historical place in 1640, which year, just after its birth, witnessed the settlement's projector, Deputy-Gov. Roger Ludlow, working his wintry way from Fairfield to Hartford, there to present for consideration by the General Council which convened on January 16, (see Conn. Colonial Records) certain

The town of Ludlow, in Salop County, England, was the home of the ancient Ludlows. Here, in the middle of the fourteenth century, lived William Ludlow, M. P., of High Deverill, who belonged officially to the households of Kings Henry IV, V and VI. William Ludlow was instrumental in the erection of St. Thomas' Church, Salisbury, England, beneath which edifice he is buried. He married Margaret, daughter of William Rymer, by whom he had one son, John, who married Leonora, daughter of Thomas Ringwood. John Ludlow succeeded to his father's possession of High Deverill, and married Phillipa, daughter and heiress of William Bulstrode of London, by whom he had two sons, William and Edward. The tomb of William Ludlow, oldest son of John, is shown to-day in the parish church of High Deverill. Its occupant had married Jane, daughter of Nicholas Moore of Willford, County of Southampton, England, and had one only son, George, who married Edith, the third daughter of Andrew, Lord Windsor, of Middlesex County. These had two sons, Sir Edmund and Thomas, <sup>1st</sup>. Thomas, <sup>1st</sup> married Jane Pyle, sister of Sir Gabriel Pyle, Knight, and had:

George, born Sept. 7, 1583, died young.

Gabriel, bap. Feb. 10, 1587.

Roger, bap. March 7, 1590, founder of Norwalk.

Annie, bap. July 5, 1591.

Thomas, <sup>2nd</sup> bap. March 3, 1593, ancestor of the New York Ludlows.

George, bap. Sept. 15, 1596, of Virginia.

Roger Ludlow, of lineage as above, matriculated at twenty years of age at Balliol College, Oxford, and studied for the bar in London. He came to America at about the age of 40, and was one of the most eminent of the New England Colonists. He here married, for his second wife, a sister of Gov. John Endicott of Mass. In 1639 Mr. Ludlow removed from Windsor to Fairfield. In 1640 he purchased Norwalk, and in 1654 left Fairfield County for, it is supposed, Virginia, where, at that date, resided his junior brother George. This brother, who died the next year, had willed the bulk of his property to Roger's children. Two of these, Thomas and Jonathan, are named in the Norwalk records, and accompanied their father hence in 1654. Their sister Sarah remained, and married Nathaniel Brewster. The Brewster descendants reside on Long Island.

Roger Ludlow was elected deputy-Gov. of Mass. before he came to America. He held said office four years, and was subsequently several times chosen to fill the same position in Conn. He was not a resident of Norwalk, but was "for nineteen years one of the

most useful and distinguished men" in the Connecticut commonwealth, living during the major portion of that time about nine miles east of Norwalk, on what is to-day known as Ludlow Square, in the town of Fairfield. He was probably (see Hollister's Connecticut, Vol. I, page 179) the first lawyer who ever came into the colony, and one of the most gifted who have ever lived in it. "I have compared this paper (the Connecticut Constitution, 1639, the work of Ludlow's head and hand) with those written by Milton, expressive of his views of government and liberty. \* \* \* But I find there no well-digested system of republicanism. He deals alone with the absolute. But Ludlow views the concrete and the abstract both at once." Such an exceptional genius, vide Hollister, was Roger Ludlow, the framer of the first Constitution of Conn. and the Founder of Norwalk. After leaving America, it is believed that Ludlow lived and practiced in Ireland and died in Wales.

Thomas Ludlow, next younger brother of Roger, married Feb. 15th, 1624, Jane Bennett, and had a son Gabriel, who married Martha, daughter of Thomas Carey, of Castle Carey. These had a son Gabriel, bap. at the age of one month, at Castle Carey, Somerset, Dec. 1, 1663. This son Gabriel came, at thirty-one years of age (1694) to New York, where he married, April 15, 1697, Sarah, daughter of Rev. Joseph Hanmer, Chaplain to the King's New York army. These had a son William, who married, August 10, 1731, Mary Duncan, which two had a son Gabriel William, who married, August 28, 1764, Cornelia, daughter of Charles, son of John Crooke of New York. Gabriel W. and Cornelia Ludlow had a son Charles, who married Elizabeth, daughter of David and Elizabeth (French) Van Horne. Charles and Elizabeth Ludlow's children were Cornelia Ann, born June 13, 1788, and Elizabeth. Cornelia Ann married, May 2, 1816, John Abraham Willink, an Amsterdam banker, of recorded service to the U. S. government. Elizabeth, the sister of Mrs. Willink, erected the Ludlow and Willink Hall of St. Stephen's College, in the State of New York. The memory of these noble sisters is fragrant in Norwalk, and the town is honored in that it treasures many of their personal effects. In recognition of their kinship to the father of Norwalk, one of their surviving Norwalk friends (Mrs. W. K. James,) has memorially commemorated the Ludlow territory-bestowment act on the part of the town's pioneers, by the Ludlow Stone, which was planted in East Norwalk, Thursday, Dec. 19, 1895, on a parcel of ground given for the purpose by Messrs. Josiah R. and William E. Marvin.





points of personal and political bearing. His mission accomplished, the eminent jurist returned to his Fairfield home in season to meet, on February 26, the red possessors of Norwalk. Just where<sup>1</sup> Mahackemo and his three braves assembled on that primal day and covenanted with the distinguished Englishman, who was attended by his son Thomas, and Indian servant Adam, it is too late, probably, to determine, but the subjoined instrument was the result of the conference.

INDIAN DEED  
TO  
ROGER LUDLOW.


RECORDED IN VOL. I.  
NORWALK  
LAND RECORDS.



*"A copie of a deede of sale made by Norwalke Indians, unto Master Roger Ludlowe, of Fairfield, as followeth, 26th February, 1640."*


"An agreement made between the Indians of Norwake and Roger Ludlowe: it is agreed, that the Indians of Norwalke, for and in consideration of eight fathoms of wampum, sixe coates, tenn hatchets, tenn hoes, tenn knives, tenn scissors, tenn jewse-harpes, tenn fathom Tobackoe, three kettles of sixe hands about, tenn looking glasses, have granted all the lands, meadows, pasturings, trees, whatsoever their is, and grounds betweene the twoe Rivers, the one called Norwalke, the other Soakatuck, to the middle of sayed Rivers, from the sea a days walke into the country; to the sayed Roger Ludlowe, and his heirs and assigns for ever; and that noe Indian or other shall challenge or claim any ground within the sayed Rivers or limits, nor disturb the sayed Roger, his heirs or assignes, within the precincts aforesaid. In witness whereof the parties thereunto have interchangeably sett their hands."


ROGER LUDLOWE.

Witnesse  
THOS. LUDLOWE.

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ADAM.\*

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It will be observed that only a portion of the territory afterwards known as Norwalk is described in the foregoing deed. The township area was subsequently enlarged by the

<sup>1</sup>The Ely-Olmstead covenant of June 19, 1650, was that Ludlow should have a two hundred pound "lott" for his sons, and that it should "be one of the first lots" to be laid out. The settlers had what they designated as "the £200 lot." (East side of Town Street, it would appear, and in the rear of the Oscar W. Raymond and Mary G. Rider (1896) homesteads.) Conceding this to be the parcel in question, it is possible that Ludlow intended it for his sons' occupancy, out after his own and their departure, in 1654, from New England, the tract was otherwise disposed of.

The title to the entire Ludlow ownership, after his leave-taking, lay in the Norwalk settlers' name, as every thing in Norwalk belonging to its founder was, before he quit the country, formally made over to the planters. We find upon the town records, however, that there were two parcels in the eastern and south-eastern portions of the settlement that bore Ludlow's name, and in the absence of any other mention pertaining to them, it is barely possible that these portions marked some Ludlow-transaction site.

\*Assigned to Ludlow by Massachusetts Court.



and three daughters. His oldest son, Samuel Cooke Silliman, did not quit the town with himself, but remained upon the family site. He was twice married, first to Elizabeth Stratton and second to Dinah Comstock, whose home was in the more remote portion of the Canaan parish. He died Feb. 14, 1798. His brothers removed with the parents from New Canaan, but Joseph<sup>1st</sup>, the youngest, a lad of fifteen at going away, came back, now a physician, to New Canaan, where he was afterward a continuous recipient of public honors. He married, Nov. 23, 1785, Martha Leeds<sup>1</sup> of the Stamford family of that name. These had seven children, viz: Joseph<sup>2d</sup>,<sup>2</sup> who married Martha, daughter of Sherman and Hannah (Fitch) Mitchell and grand-daughter of Rev. Justus Mitchell; William, who married a daughter of Esquire Eliphalet St. John, whose boys' seminary crowned Canoe Hill; Elizabeth, who married Hon. Minot, second son of Rev. Justus Mitchell, and was the head of the White Plains Mitchell family; Samuel C.<sup>2d</sup>, who married a daughter of Uriah Reed<sup>3</sup> of Canaan Ridge (grand-daughter of Timothy, a grandson of John Reed of Crom-

<sup>1</sup>Daughter, probably, of Elisha and Sarah (Seeley) Leeds; born Dec. 27, 1756.

<sup>2</sup>He occupied the Silliman mansion still standing near where stood William Haynes' boundary "oak tree," at the south-eastern limit of Haynes' Ridge. He was a man of affairs during the busy six-day week and on Sunday the Silliman pew (south-west corner of the old Church Hill Meeting House) was regularly and reputedly filled.

There have been three Congregational Church edifices in New Canaan and the sites of the first two so closely adjoined as to almost, if not quite, lap each other. The site of the present church is a few score feet from that of the second, upon which latter spot for one to stand is for one to be well high history-inspired. Here, in 1732, the first meeting house was built. Permission to organize an ecclesiastical society had already been granted, but the "objective point" was not reached for two years. The central figure in the portraiture which one at this spot mind-draws is that of a bright young man of 30 years, well related, who stood first in his college class and was New Canaan's earliest pastor. He was accompanied by a young bride, Anna Beard, and John and Anna Eells established themselves with one son and two daughters on that lovely spine, perhaps a mile eastward of their spiritual home, and known, very properly, to-day, as Carter Street. Mr. Eells' congregation at that time was a small but an earnest body of men and women. Nearest the pastor and immediately under his pulpit in that first church, sat John Bouton. He was then in years, but he was a good man and founded a line of worthies. Matthew Fitch also sat there and his short-lived St. John wife, who became members just before the society experienced its first bereavement by the decease, May 8, 1736, of the pastor's first wife. Ebenezer and Hannah Carter, the progenitors of an excellent descent, also sat there. Mr. Eells' constituency

was a growing one and a second edifice was demanded. This was built in 1752 and continued in use ninety years one of the most beautiful pictures of its last days, being the stately walk through its aisles on the way to the pulpit, of the benignant-faced, and benevolent-natured Rev. Theophilus Smith, as well as the entrance, at the west door, of his dignified mother-in-law, Mrs. Samuel St. John, leaning upon the arm of one of her sons, and followed, in summer, by her home-visiting children and grand-children, the party filling the St. John pew in the north-west corner of the sanctuary and constituting a noticeable group. The St. John children were much admired as was the case with Col. Enoch St. John's Alabamian charge, the two Pope lads, who also went to the same Church. These boys were masterly handlers of the gun, and having been asked how they acquired their skill chivalrously replied, "Our mother taught us." The bravery of Henry, the older brother, was put to a further test when sudden sickness or death having occurred, in the night, in the family, the courageous young southerner breasted a New England snow storm, and trudged, through deep darkness, over the New Canaan Ridge, in quest of assistance. This same Henry Pope wrote, in 1895, a graphic letter descriptive of his New Canaan life and sent it north. He died in Mobile, June 7, 1895.

3Uriah and Hannah Reed lived at the upper end of Haynes' Ridge, Canaan Parish, and their home, writes one, was "quite the picture of the birth-place of Whittier." Here were born three children, two of whom, Sally and Clara, lived to become of age. Sally, born May 2, 1791, married Joseph Fitch<sup>2d</sup>, (son of Joseph<sup>1st</sup>,) who lived on the east side of Smith's Ridge, in the house now standing next south of the residence of Mrs. Stephen Keeler. Joseph and Sally Fitch had five children. This family eventually removed from New Canaan, and is to-day represented

*Could hardly be  
in 1790 PA census*





well's army) whose son, Samuel C.<sup>3d</sup>, is to-day a resident of Stamford; Elisha, who married first, Harriet, daughter of Capt. Stephen Betts of the Continental army, and second, Amelia Cooke of New Haven; Annie who died young and John who married Catharine Lockwood.

Joseph F. Silliman of 1896, is a son of Joseph<sup>2d</sup> and Martha (Mitchell) Silliman. He married Carrie, daughter of Capt. Stephen Hoyt, the founder of Hoyt's New Canaan Nursery, and lives on the fine old Silliman place in that town, and while the willow<sup>1</sup> that waved over his great-grandfather's (Rev. Justus Mitchell) grave is missed, still it is a gratify-

by a daughter, Julia, Mrs. Dr. Gould of Lockport, N. Y. Clara, daughter of Uriah and Hannah Reed, married Samuel Cooke Silliman, grandson of Rev. Robert Silliman of New Canaan, who had two children, one of whom, Samuel Cooke<sup>3d</sup>, survives to-day, and is a druggist in Stamford.

In the township of Stamford was born "about break of ye day," Feb. 4, 1734, to David and Mercy Selleck, an infant to whom was given the name of Samuel, and between whose brothers, sisters and self a handsome patrimony for that period, was, before the lad quit his teens, apportioned. The infant had grown up and married when the Revolutionary War broke out. His patriotic soul was stirred and he joined the army only to be captured in the vicinity of the present Prospect Park, Brooklyn, and taken on one of the last days of the summer of 1776, to the prison ship, in New York waters, where he died, leaving a boy who, baptized the day after his birth, had been named David; which son, being only fifteen at the date of his father's decease, yet resolved to avenge that parent's fate, and consequently joined the Continentals who, the next spring, April 27, 1777, repulsed Tryon at Ridgefield upon his retreat from Danbury to Compo. The brave lad there fell, and his comrades, cutting the buttons from his coat, bore them to his widowed parent, than whom "never was the memory of a mother kept more sacred." This mother's next child to her heroic David was a daughter, Hannah, who married Uriah Reed (son of Timothy, who was son of Samuel, who was son of John<sup>2d</sup>, son of John<sup>1st</sup>.) and who was a quiet, independent farmer of New Canaan. He was a man who kept things snugly and his day's work was done when the sun was yet an hour high. He was a cousin of Matthew Reed of Norwalk (the father of Mrs. Isaac Belden.) Mrs. Reed was remarkable through life for sweetness of disposition and beauty of person. Her nephew and niece (Ebenezer, Jr. and Miss Rebecca Selleck) the children of her only brother Ebenezer Selleck of Westchester County, were among the closest personal

friends of the late General James A. Garfield, U. S. A.

Before the future President Garfield entered college and while he taught for a season at Poetenskill, a centre at that time in the fast growing territory east of Troy, N. Y., he made the intimate acquaintance of New England and Oblong contributors to the settlement of Rensselaer County.

Samuel Selleck, the patriot, was an older brother of Jacob Selleck, born 1744, who became the well known land owner on Clapboard Hill, and he was a younger brother of the Gershom, "born ye 10th of July 1730 at 9 of ye clock," whose daughter Charlotte, baptized by Dr. Ebenezer Dibble, (tentatively of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk,) on May 2, 1763, and married on June 3, 1784, to Stephen, born April 12, 1767,\* son of Bushnell Fitch, was the mother of Hon. Benjamin Fitch, founder of the Fitch Soldiers' home, Noroton.

Said treelet indicating, topographically, "the homeward end of Haynes Ridge" also dropped gracefully over the mound beneath which lay one of the principal dwellers upon that salubrious height. Rev. Justus Mitchell of Woodbury, had married at about the age of twenty-five, Martha, daughter of Rev. Josiah Sherman, also of Woodbury. Mrs. Mitchell's brother, Hon. Roger Minot Sherman, resided with his wife and two children in Norwalk, living at one time in France Street, (Edward Merrill place) and at another upon the East Avenue (Stevens place) of 1896. Like her Norwalk brother, Mrs. Mitchell was an individual of rare attainments, and ranked, among ladies, with Mrs. Stephen Buckingham of Norwalk. (See Chapman's Buckingham family, page 144.) Her husband, a man of calibre and character, had been called to New Canaan and attached to Haynes Ridge, bought, on Aug. 8, 1783, of Stephen Hanford, son of Samuel and Isabel Hanford, and grandson of William Haynes, a solid slice of twenty acres out of the fairest portion of the elegant patrimony, paying for the same the generous sum in that day, of 165 English pounds. This was the year in which Mr. Mitchell was ordained and commenced his active twenty-three

\*Documentary, but a numerical mistake, probably. In the multiplicity of ancient record-dates this could occur.

†The grave of Rev. Justus Mitchell. On Jan. 26, 1773, William Bolt and Jonathan Husted sold to the proprietors of Canaan parish one half acre in front of the meeting house "for public benefit of whole community." This plot became in time neg-

lected and the citizens in later years resolved to reduce the uneven hillside to a grade-slope. The dust of the dead was undisturbed, but the grave stones were removed to the parade ground burial acre. The sites, in the Church Hill burial ground, of Rev. Mr. Mitchell's tomb and that of the patriotic Hannah Benedict (Carter) of Carter Street, are to-day marked.



ing antiquarian fact that two ancient Haynes Ridge homes have been so long and well preserved. Modern taste has not so essentially changed the "Mitchell house" (now Bond) as that the foundation and framing plot-and-plan by the grandson-in-law of the Ridge's founder<sup>1</sup> have been entirely obliterated, while the layout of the surrounding grounds yet makes it possible to mind-follow through the "lane" and "orchard," down to the river's "path," her girlhood rambles, whom several foreign lords to-day remember as grandmother<sup>2</sup>; and a clause in a last century testamentary injunction of the Silliman elder brother, whereby "Phillis" is remembered, suggests the scrupulous neatness, outdoors and indoors, of the Silliman "out kitchen," burnished by its rows of dairy-tin and all kept swept and shining by the family's old fashioned clever "colored help."<sup>3</sup>

The Norwalk-Canaan Cooke-Leete blood ceases with the Silliman and Mitchell descent. Rev. Samuel Cooke's first wife dying Aug. 11, 1721, he married, second, Esther, daughter of Nathaniel Burr of Fairfield. The Burr homestead which Esther Burr at her marriage to Mr. Cooke left, was one of the choice home-spots of New England. It embraced the level tract at the west end of Bridgeport to-day, near to the intersection by the Consolidated road of the Fairfield Street. She was separated from it, however, but a few months as she died, without issue, in less than a year after marriage. The good minister came to Norwalk for his third wife, and found her in Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Platt,

years ministry, a ministry spent entirely in New Canaan. The home was an intellectual home. The parents had been about four years married, and Elizabeth and Sherman Mitchell were respectively three and one years old, when William Haynes' meadow property was Mitchell-possessed. These children's uncle, Roger M. Sherman, was only seven years older than his niece Elizabeth, and had not at that time, by six years, entered college. After graduation and marriage, and settling himself in Norwalk, he visited his Haynes Ridge sister and found, doubtless, in her family, now augmented by her two remaining sons, Minot and Chauncey, something of an antidote for the bereavement underwent in Norwalk when he lost his two only children, laid, first, in Town Hill Cemetery, and now sleeping beside their parents in Fairfield.

<sup>1</sup>The 1896 Bond house on Haynes' Ridge, is believed to have been framed by Ebenezer Smith, who married Elizabeth, daughter of John Bartlett, and grand-daughter of William Haynes. Ebenezer Smith, son of Killiab and grandson of Lieut. Samuel Smith, of Hadley, Mass., was brother of Ephraim Smith who married another daughter (Isabel) of John Bartlett. These were the ancestors of Susanna Smith, who married Isaac Bell. See note, page 94.

<sup>2</sup>Lucy, daughter of Rev. William Bonney, incumbent of the New Canaan Congregational parish from 1808 to 1831. Mr. Bonney kept a boarding school on Haynes' Ridge, at which were educated a

number of young men of future reputation. Mrs. Bonney was filled with the spirit of missions, and was wont to make house to house appeals in aid of the cause. Upon such occasions she carried with her a little heathen God, which object-lesson proved to be not without account. Lucy Bonney married a young man, Wm. B. Sherwood, who was a near relative of Rev. Wm. Bonney. These had a daughter, who married Lord Eslemont of Aberdeen, Scotland. Rev. Mr. Bonney had one only son, Samuel, (afterwards a missionary) whose village school companions were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Bonney upon their Saturday afternoon visits to her son, in later life, an intimate friend of Dr. Bayard Taylor.

The boys were dismissed from the Haynes Ridge (now Bond) home in time to allow for the beginning, when the sun went down, of Sunday. This "Saturday night keeping" marked life in ancient Canaan, the peaceful after-supper hush of its primitive households (amid which quiet the family bible on the stand was opened and reverently read from and the simple evening prayer offered) being a blessed prelude to the duties of the succeeding day, and involving a practice-principle which was, individual, community and nation-wise, beyond value-estimate. The keeping of Saturday night was general throughout New England.

<sup>3</sup>Indian women in some cases were of service. After the victory over the Pequots at Fairfield, there seems to have been an influx, in South-western Connecticut, of such help-element.



and grand-daughter of John Platt, the Norwalk Platt progenitor. Three sons were the gifts of this marriage, viz: Josiah, Eliasaph (who were twins, and who died within a few hours of each other on the day of their birth, March, 1731) and Joseph, the subsequent Gen. Joseph Platt Cooke of Revolutionary mark, who was the parent of Samuel B. Cooke, who was father of Rev. Dr. Samuel Cooke<sup>1</sup> of St. Bartholomew's Church, New York. The third Mrs. Rev. Samuel Cooke died May 16, 1732, and her husband married for his fourth and last wife, Abigail, widow of Rev. Joseph Moss, who was mother of Mrs. Rev. Jonathan Ingersoll of Ridgefield, and great-grandmother of Chancellor James Kent.

<sup>1</sup>Rev. Samuel Cooke, an excellent, highly rated and now venerable presbyter of the Protestant Episcopal church, has direct Norwalk descent. (See Platt lineage.) He commenced his ministerial life in Lyons, N. Y., and there continued until called to the rectory of St. Paul's Church, New Haven, from whence he was selected to fill the same position at St. Bartholomew's, New York, Norwalk data appertaining to which opulent metropolitan parish is not entirely barren of interest. The imposing Madison Avenue Church of 1896, and its belonging rectory, stand near if not exactly upon the meadow lots, owned long ago in the family of the founder of the cure, Effingham Howard Warner, son of George James Warner and brother of Mrs. Susan Warner Nichols of Greenfield Hill, a New England eminence of extensive and exceptional vision. Effingham H. Warner of the druggist house of Warner, Pratt & Co., was a grandson of the old-time prosperous merchant and intense patriot, George Warner, of benevolent and singularly pious remembrance, and concerning whom President Wilbur Fiske wrote that should it, at the last, be his privilege to reach Heaven, he would surely see George Warner there unless the latter should be so close to the throne as to make it impossible for him so to do. The wife of the projector of St. Bartholomew's was Ann, sister of the famed John Summerfield of Lancashire, England, and the rival, if possible, of the eloquent George Whitfield. The parish was auspiciously inaugurated and the orator-divine, S. V. Kelley, who had then been in the county some little time, was invited to assume its maiden charge. Indeed the church, planned by Mr. Warner, and of striking harmony-beauty, was built (in La Fayette Place) for Mr. Kelley, whose cleverness, intellectual and physical, was remarkable, and whose fervent sentences were similar to those that later fell from the lips of Dr. Francis L. Hawks. The congregation, of cultured parts which ran parallel with substance-ability, formed, consequently, a strong constituency. The Warner family was a St. Bartholomew pillar. Effingham H. was himself a host. He was a business man of large interests, as well as a public official who had lain out one or two parks, which signal commercial capability was brought into helpful St. Bartholomew

service. His grandfather, George, the founder of the Warner house, came to the western world in 1765 and set up a sail establishment in John Street, which grew to important dimensions, and his grandmother was a Waldegrave descendant. George Warner and his wife occupied an elegant house and grounds on the corner of Fourth Street and the Bowery, and their yard, garden and orchard covered a large plot. It was deemed a rich treat to go over the Warner property and take a look at its rare flower beds. This beautiful enclosure fell to the use of Mr. Warner's daughter Sarah, Mrs. Judge Azariah Williams. This lady of refinement, and the very atmosphere of whose home was grace, had her pew in St. Bartholomew's and was devoted to parish interests. Within her grandly old fashioned "vestibulum" reigned a warm response to ecclesiastical and social demands. George James Warner, her brother, dwelt, in olden state, on the corner of the Bowery and Bleecker Street. His wife was a daughter of Elias Nexsen, a name which calls up repaying memories of people of noble natures, generous aspirations and about whom there was nothing disappointing. Susan, born Jan. 4, 1799, daughter of George James and Susan (Nexsen) Warner, married Samuel Nichols, D. D., rector for many years of St. Matthew's Church, Bedford, N. Y., and who afterward, having purchased the Richard Varick Dey country establishment on Greenfield Hill, occupied the choice old home-hearth which his children take pride in excellently preserving, and where his only daughter, sister of Rev. Dr. George Warner Nichols of Norwalk, presides and aided by her brothers, cordially welcomes the visitor to the historic hill and happy hearthstone.

The afore mentioned were some of the original St. Bartholomew's flock who have been succeeded, shepherd and sheep, by those who have taken their places and continue to carry on a most benevolent work. Lewis P. W. Balch, D.D., followed Kelley and Cambrelling came after Warner and after Cambrelling a Vanderbilt. Succeeding Dr. Balch the headship fell to the gifted and highly prized Dr. Samuel Cooke, whose Platt blood it is an honor to Norwalk to have bequeathed. Dr. David H. Greer, of signal parts, purpose and power is the present leader under whom





The Norwalk (as well as the Norwalk-Canaan) Cooke-Leete blood is a matter of deserved registration, and its interesting and hitherto intricate story runs, evidently, thus: John, born March 30, 1715, son of Rev. Samuel and Anna (Trowbridge) Cooke, married, first, Elizabeth (Toucey) (as it would appear.) John<sup>1</sup> and Elizabeth had a daughter, Anna, born Dec. 13, 1740. The infant's mother died only a few days after her only child's birth. Hannah Toucey<sup>2</sup> of Newtown, Conn., who, May 12, 1752, married Josiah Hooker, was an aunt of Anna Cooke. After the decease of Anna's mother the child was brought to Norwalk and became a member of the family of Rev. Stephen Buckingham, whose wife was a grand-aunt of Josiah Hooker. She was so highly esteemed by the clergyman (who had no children of his own) that he bequeathed to her his valuable library of one thousand volumes which, it is said, was purchased in England. This library stood in his house which occupied the east side of East Avenue, and the present site of the intersection of N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. with said avenue. The library, it is supposed, was destroyed by Tryon nearly thirty-five years after the decease of its original owner. Anna Cooke lived to marry Haynes, son of James and (Mrs.) Mary (Buckingham) Fitch. James Fitch, youngest brother of Governor Thomas Fitch, married the young widow of Rev. Jedediah Buckingham, a nephew of Rev. Stephen Buckingham. Mrs. James Fitch had one child by her first (Buckingham) husband, and nine children by her second marriage. Haynes and Anna (Cooke) Fitch were married Sept. 23, 1770, and had:

Hannah Toucey; born, July 4, 1771.

William Haynes; born, Aug. 21, 1772.

Josiah H.; born, Sept. 23, 1773.

Jedediah; born, July 17, 1775.

Zalmon; born, April 1, 1784.

Cooke; born, Feb. 5, 1777.

Daniel; born, June 12, 1779.

David; born, March 29, 1781.

Grant<sup>3</sup>; born, Dec. 2, 1782.

the parish, so favorably founded and so faithfully fostered, is extraordinarily strong, and engaged in grand performances.

The already alluded to Mrs. Azariah Williams, daughter of George Warren, occupied a Vermont country home which took for its pattern the Jay mansion at Bedford, N. Y., the drive to which from Norwalk, via Haynes' Ridge, Pound Ridge, Stony Mountain Valley and "Catonah Woods" is one of the most inviting New England-Oblong trips. To select for such an excursion a June afternoon, on the date of the June full moon, and to stand at the trip's ending, with the Jay forest-fringed homestead on the north and the Sachem Catonah's granite-guarded grave just south of you, and while the west is still golden and the shut of day has not yet concealed the Hudson Highlands' soft blue, is a sort of inspiration. At that hour and in that spot, one may not, Persian like, adore, but one must, Catonah like, admire.

The second rector of St. Bartholomew's, Dr., subsequently Canon Balch, married Anne, daughter of Judge William and Augusta McVicker Jay, and sister

of the late Hon. John Jay. Of the sisters of Mrs. Balch, one married John F. Butterworth and another Henry Edward Pellew. Their two aunts, Ann and Mrs. Banyer, lived at 20 Bond Street, New York, and were attached to St. Bartholomew's Church. Peter A., a brother of these aunts, had his home in Rye, N. Y., and was the father of Miss Elizabeth Clarkson Jay whose visits to Norwalk and interest in its family history is a matter of grateful recall.

<sup>1</sup>John Cooke married, second, Martha Booth, from which union the 1896 Wordins of Bridgeport sprang. Mr. Cooke lived to be about a century old.

<sup>2</sup>She left her property, by will, to Mrs. Haynes Fitch (Anna Cooke).

<sup>3</sup>Grant Fitch, son of Haynes and Anna (Cooke) Fitch, married Millicent Halsey and had Daniel Grant, born 1812, who married Sarah, daughter of Judge Miller, and had William Grant, born 1834, who married Martha E. Curtis, and had Grant, born 1852, Yale graduate, who married Ida, daughter of Robert Eliot and is now an officer of the First National Bank, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Of **Haynes Fitch**, son of James<sup>1st</sup> and Mary, who, born in Norwalk, Conn., Jan. 22, 1735, died at Ellsworth, Trumbull County, Ohio, Aug. 11, 1815, Hon. Elisha Whittlesey, M. C., wrote: "By the death of this good man his children are deprived of a kind and affectionate father, the church of Christ of a pious, exemplary member, and society of a bright ornament. He supported a character through life irreproachable, and died as he lived, without a personal enemy." His wife, Norwalk and Stratfield's (Bridgeport) little motherless Anna Cooke, lived to be seventy-three years of age, and died at Canfield, Ohio, July 15, 1814.

In speaking of the descendants, in one line, of James<sup>1st</sup> and Mary (Buckingham) Fitch of Norwalk, a western banker writes thus: "The record presents unbroken chains of piety and devotedness to the cause of religion, before which all worldly honors and distinctions fade and scarcely deserve to be remembered."

#### FITCH-HAYNES DESCENT.

Mrs. James Fitch<sup>1st</sup>, who, prior to her Fitch marriage, was the widow of Jedediah Buckingham, was Mary Haynes, the only issue to "Mr. William Haynes" by his second marriage to Mercy, daughter of Matthew Marvin<sup>2d</sup>. Her half sisters were Mrs. Samuel Hanford<sup>1st</sup> and Mrs. John Bartlett<sup>1st</sup>. She had no known half brother. Her Haynes reference here introduces, naturally, the history of:

#### WILLIAM HAYNES, FOUNDER OF HAYNES' RIDGE.

Born, 1651,

Died, April 2, 1712.

Thus far it has been impossible to ascertain the full facts with reference to this Norwalk father. A certain interest seems so to have invested "my home on Haynes' Ridge" that one longs to understand more of its story. No town record as yet discovered, however, certifies wherefore or wherefrom its owner came to the spot. As upon the English roll, hereafter alluded to, of Barbadoes immigrants occurs the name that heads this article, one, would dates permit, might be tempted to believe that here is the explanation of the matter, but dates do not justify this surmise. Something, however, "Mr. Haynes'" taste, or the sections altitude or arrability or attractiveness, led, it is reasonable to imagine, the new-comer, (whoever, or whatever, or wherefrom he may have been, or come,) to one of the most charming spine-levels in the south-western portion of the colony; the level which is to-day adorned with the summer villas of several metropolitan families.

Mr. Haynes was somewhat advanced when his eye first rested upon the fields that were in time to become the cradle of talent and title, and the cot of future Norwalk children of mark and merit. When he became owner of the region the whole ridge from what was afterward the Samuel St. John lands on the south to what has since been known as "Elm Corner"—the Enoch St. John estate—on the north, was an expansive meadow tract





broken in the upper portion by a morass and bounded on its lower limits by one of the most romantic grove patches in New England.<sup>1</sup> Its proprietor during his life time was interviewed with reference to a highway across the plain and expressed himself as "freely willing provided suitable recompense should be made," but nothing was accomplished in this direction until years after his decease. At that date the white oak was a native of the locality, but subsequently to the layout of the avenue, on Nov. 10, 1729-30 by Matthew Seymour, John Raymond and John Betts, a row of Lombardy poplars was planted, the only survivors of which are found to-day on the Ridge's northern edge, at the **old St. Mark's burying ground**. The history of **Haynes' Ridge**, from first to last, would fill a small volume and be replete with interest. One is told of who, generations ago, loved to watch the heavens from that elevation, not as did his later townsman (Dr. Samuel St. John) from the same spot for the purpose of studying and mapping them out, but to observe the cloud changes and especially the electric clouds tribulous movements over its distant southwesterling heights, upon the summits of which the red man was wont to erect his hill-altars to the Upholder of the Skies. Learning has chosen Haynes' Ridge as its seat,<sup>2</sup> and so has religion, and so also has refinement; while natural beauty and the hunter's ambition were the magnets that attracted, doubtless, the neighboring lordly Catonah within the precincts.<sup>3</sup>

Terrible persecutions followed the unsuccessful claim, in 1685, of the Duke of Monmouth to Britain's throne, and many who had been implicated in the rebellion as well as many who were innocent, suffered execution, imprisonment and banishment. Among those who had been transported to the Barbadoes colony occurs the old Norwalk name of Wm. Haynes, but as said Haynes bought land in Norwalk prior to that date, it follows, unless the Norwalk scribe was in fault, that Mr. Haynes was not of that colony. The author has found the Haynes name in the northeastern part of the county, but of a later date. He has seen it hinted that William Haynes of Norwalk was of the blood of Gov. John Haynes,

<sup>1</sup>Rear of the grounds of the widow of the late Dr. Willard Parker, Sr. In the days when Silas Davenport held this property for academic purposes the idea was conceived of laying out into "city lots" the lower end of Haynes' Ridge. But the site's successful occupation for educational use militated against the project.

<sup>2</sup>Several successful schools have been conducted on Haynes' Ridge, as Rev. Justus Mitchell's, Rev. William Bonny's, Silas Davenport's, D. R. Rockwell's and John Osborn's. The Pope brothers, mentioned in note on page 199, were pupils of Silas Davenport. They belonged to the Bibb family of Georgia. Both are dead, but Henry, whose pen when past seventy was vigorous, began a charming letter, dated Mobile, May 1895, thus: "On one of the days of the first part of June, anno domini 1835, I left Mobile on the good, square-rigged ship "Superb," bound for New York, chaperoned by Mr. Samuel N. St. John, to be

put at some school in Yankee land. Remaining in New York at Mr. St. John's home two weeks, I was shipped off alone to Norwalk, Conn., where I was met by Enoch St. John, who drove me in a two-horse wagon to a little village by the euphonious name of New Canaan. After I had been there about a twelve month, my father thought it wise to send my brother William to the same school." In alluding to his fellow pupils Mr. Pope mentions the names of "Benedict and Noyes," (New Canaan boys at that time). Grant Thorburn was a Church Hill student soon after the Popes' day.

<sup>3</sup>The aborigines drove their game from the north to within five miles of Haynes' Ridge and by there supplementing the natural hill and pond barriers with brush thickets were enabled at that point to impound the prey. Hence the designation of that section, viz: Pound Ridge. It is a highly romantic portion of the ancient Oblong.



but he has not been able to verify it. Gov. John Haynes had a representative in what was once Norwalk, and whose home was but a few rods from Haynes' Ridge (Samuel S. Noyes, M. D. of New Canaan)', but it does not appear that he was kin in any degree to the proprietor of the Ridge, upon the skirts of which he in more modern times dwelt.

William Haynes came, most probably, from the neighborhood of Albany, N. Y., to Norwalk. His first wife would seem to have been Elizabeth Hussey, of Hussey Hill, northern New York, and his two daughters by that marriage were Isabella and Elizabeth. His daughter Isabella married Samuel, youngest son of Rev. Thomas Hanford, and her sister Elizabeth married John Bartlett. Samuel Hanford<sup>1st</sup> occupied his father's homestead, but his oldest son, Samuel<sup>2d</sup>, built in White Oak Shade, about one mile south of the existing business center of New Canaan, on the northeast corner, at the intersection of the main street with the Norwalk road. John Bartlett, a lawyer, or one who acted as such, was the possessor of broad acres on Bartlett Ridge, a height west of the west branch of Norwalk river. Mr. Haynes' second wife was Marcy, daughter of Matthew Marvin, Jr., whose home stood just southwest of the homestead to-day of H. M. Prowitt in East Norwalk. The fruit of this union was Mary Haynes, later Mrs. Jedediah Buckingham, and later still, Mrs. James Fitch, sister-in-law of Gov. Thomas Fitch. On May 15, 1705, the town allotted him ninety-three acres in New Canaan (Haynes Ridge), but previously, on Oct. 28, 1699, he had purchased the property at the lower end of the town. Here he evidently lived and died in the earlier part of April, 1712. The entire property in lower Norwalk was bequeathed to his youngest child, Mary, should she arrive at the age of eighteen. The Haynes Ridge estate fell to his different heirs, and because of the provisions of Mr. Haynes' will, it was a long time ere it passed finally out of the family. Elizabeth and Isabella were well settled in the world at the time of their father's death, the former being the foreparent of many of New Canaan's best known earlier and later sons and daughters, and

<sup>1</sup>The descent of Samuel S. Noyes, M. D., is as follows: John Haynes<sup>1st</sup>, Colonial governor of Connecticut, born in Essex, England, married Mabel Harlakenden of Kent County, England, came to America 1633, governor of Massachusetts 1635, governor of Connecticut 1639, had two sons, Rev. Joseph and Hon. John Haynes, and two daughters, Ruth and Mabel. Sarah, daughter of Rev. Joseph Haynes, married Rev. James Pierpont of New Haven, born 1661, died 1714. Their daughter Abigail married Rev. Joseph Noyes of New Haven, born 1689, died 1761. Joseph and Abigail Noyes had a son, Rev. John Noyes, who was father of Rev. John Noyes of Weston, born 1762, died 1846, who was father of Samuel Noyes, M. D., of New Canaan.

As Mrs. Rev. Joseph Noyes (Abigail Pierpont) was a grand-daughter of Mrs. Gov. Haynes (Mabel Harlakenden), who was (see Browning's Americans of Royal Descent) a daughter of Richard Harlakenden, who was a son of Roger Harlakenden, who was

a son of Thomas Harlakenden, whose mother was Catharine, a daughter of Thomas Fienes, who was son of Sir Thomas Fienes, whose wife was Lady Alice Fitz-Hugh, daughter of Baron Henry Fitz-Hugh, who was a son of Richard, Earl of Salisbury, who was a son of Baron Ralph De Neville, who was son of Prince John of Gaunt, who was son of Edward III., King of England, it follows that Dr. Samuel S. Noyes was of kingly line. Rev. John Noyes of Weston (Father Noyes) was a Yale student at the time of the temporary breaking up of college because of Tryon's burning of New Haven. He immediately repaired to Weston and resumed his studies under the tuition of Rev. Samuel Sherwood, then pastor of Weston, and the father of Mrs. Gov. Bissell of Norwalk. Rev. Mr. Noyes here became acquainted with Mr. Sherwood's daughter whom he afterward married. This son, Samuel Sherwood Noyes, was the valued New Canaan physician.

His home, remarkably unchanged in its appear-





the latter of many of the Norwalk Belden's, Lockwood's and St. John's. Mary Haynes was fifteen when she was bereft of her parent. She made choice of her uncle Samuel Marvin as guardian, the Court demanding on June 4, 1712, security to the amount of £500. Two years after the execution of this bond, there graduated at Yale College a youth of twenty, whose mother was a New London Griswold and his father a Saybrook Buckingham. This young man of family fame had three years of theological study yet before him, at the close of which period, having made the acquaintance of Mary Haynes while visiting his uncle, Rev. Stephen Buckingham, second pastor of Norwalk, the two were wedded. They were immediately settled in West Newark—now Orange—where a son, William Buckingham, was born to them, Oct. 14, 1719. This son was barely six months old when his father, who chanced at the time to be visiting his uncle in Norwalk, was taken suddenly ill and died, leaving a widow scarcely twenty-one years of age. The widow returned to Norwalk, and afterwards married James, the youngest brother of Gov. Thomas Fitch. She died about nine months before the decease of her second husband, frosted by the snows of ninety winters, and several of our citizens to-day are honored by direct descent from her. Her first husband's tomb stone, in the East Norwalk cemetery, is thus inscribed: "Here lyeth the body of the Rev. Jedediah Buckingham, late preacher of the gospel at the west part of Newark in East Jersey, who departed this life, March 28, 1720, etatis 24." Her second husband died Feb. 2, 1790, aged 88 years. She died May 13, 1789, aged 90 years. Her Buckingham son, William, married May 22, 1746, Rebecca Clark, and resided at Lebanon, Conn. He died Jan. 28, 1827, leaving five children.

## GOVERNOR THOMAS FITCH FAMILY.

Gen. I.—Thomas Fitch, Senior.

" II.—Thomas<sup>2d</sup>. and Ruth Fitch." III.—Thomas<sup>3d</sup>. and Sarah Fitch.

## Gen. IV.

Thomas<sup>4th</sup>;Samuel<sup>1st</sup>;

Elizabeth;

James<sup>1st</sup>.

Thomas Fitch<sup>4th</sup>. (Gov.), born, 1700, married, Sept. 4, 1724, Hannah, born, 1702, daughter of Richard and Hannah (Miles) Hall of New Haven. The mother of Governor

ance to-day, bears emphatic testimony to the air of true refinement which once invested it. There were homes in earlier Canaan, not indeed as outwardly grand as are the beautiful abodes which to-day adorn its noble elevations, but which were, nevertheless, no common-place homes. Many of those who there resided and of those who were there received are now gone, but fragrant memories cluster around the old place. The aged father of Dr. Samuel S. Noyes was one of those genuine characters that a true man venerates; and not only his ability, but his pure goodness impressed and conciliated even such as might differ,

upon some points, in opinion from him. Being often in Norwalk, where he was greatly regarded, he was on one occasion cordially invited to dine at the Episcopal parsonage, which invitation he as cordially accepted. Meeting, later in the day, one of his particular Congregational friends, the latter, good humoredly, remarked, "How is this Mr. Noyes." "Well," was the characteristic response of the modest and faithful Weston pastor, "the rector asked me and if he was disappointed in his guest he had the worst of it." Mr. Noyes' "Norfield Church" is still seen from far and near.



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Fitch has not yet been ascertained. His father married three times, but the children were by his first wife. The descent of Mrs. Gov. Fitch, on both sides, is clean cut. Her father belonged in Middletown but removed to New Haven in 1702, where he died two years after the marriage of his oldest daughter to Thomas Fitch<sup>4th</sup>, or Gov. Her mother was the daughter of Capt. John and Mary (Alsop) Miles. (A coveted record.) The descendants of Richard Miles—a highly respectable name—are found in three distinct Norwalk families, viz: Fitch, Gregory and Street<sup>1</sup>; one common ancestor of which trio of households is Hon. Richard Miles<sup>1st</sup> of Milford and New Haven.

The children of Gov. Thomas and Hannah Fitch were probably all born in the house on the present East Avenue, which stood near the tree depicted on page 193. These children were as here appears:

Thomas<sup>5th</sup> (Col.); born, Aug. 12, 1725, mar., Sarah (St. John) Hill of Fairfield.

Jonathan; born, April 12, 1727, married a daughter of Samuel Mix of New Haven, and lived elsewhere than in Norwalk.

Ebenezer<sup>2d</sup>; born, Feb. 25, 1729, married, Lydia, daughter of Samuel Mills, Jr., of Greenwich.

Hannah; born, April 10, 1731, died young.

Mary; born, Sept. 20, 1733, married a Thatcher.

Timothy; born, 1735, married Esther, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Whitman) Platt.

Hezekiah; married, Sept. 21, 1767, Jerusha Burr of Fairfield and there resided.

Elizabeth<sup>h</sup>; born, 1739, married Andrew Rowland of Fairfield.

Esther; died unmarried.

Two sons only (Col. Thomas and Timothy) of Gov. Fitch, resided in Norwalk. The governor, on July 18, 1758, bought of Benjamin Keeler, for £150, five acres of land, the same being now known as the Hendricks property on East Avenue. His eldest son, Col. Thomas, was, at the date of said purchase, unmarried and away from home, and fast "winning his spurs" military wise, a fact which perhaps spurred the Governor to buy the five or so acres, as it was at this very time that the Colonel was distinguishing himself in the French and Indian troubles at the north. The soldier son returned from war to Nor-

<sup>1</sup>Captain John Miles, the grandfather of Mrs. Gov. Fitch, was, evidently, the grandson of Richard<sup>1st</sup> and Catharine Miles who are commemorated by a memorial block in the Milford bridge, while Elizabeth Pardee who married Thomas Gregory of Norwalk, was a grand-child (see page 83) of the same Richard Miles<sup>1st</sup>, as was also Lieut. Samuel Street whose son Nathaniel married Mary Raymond of "Old Well" and founded the Norwalk Street family.

<sup>2</sup>He died in Wilton, at the age of thirty-three, leaving three sons, viz. Jabez, Ebenezer<sup>2d</sup>, and Giles.

Ebenezer<sup>2d</sup>, removed from Wilton, in 1785, to the town of Greenfield, Saratoga County, N. Y. He had married Sarah, daughter of Col. David Hobby of North Castle, Westchester County, N. Y. To Ebenezer<sup>2d</sup>, and Sarah Fitch was born, Sept. 9, 1787, Hannah, who married, Jan. 5, 1812, Alpheus Bullard of Schuylerville, N. Y. Mrs. Alpheus Bullard died in Schuylerville, March 4, 1879, leaving several children, among them Gen. Edward Fitch Bullard of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., who was present at the Founders' Day celebration, in 1894, in Norwalk.



walk, and on April 28, 1763, was married, by Rev. Noah Hobart, pastor of the Fairfield Church, to Sarah, daughter of Capt. Thomas and Hannah Hill of Fairfield. Within less than two months (June 21, 1763) the lot referred to was made over (a wedding present possibly) from the governor to this son, whose family was as follows:

Thomas<sup>6th</sup>; born, March 20, 1764, married, Dec. 20, 1790, Amitia Lewis of Huntington, L. I., and had Mary Esther, born, June 22, 1796.

Sarah; born, Jan. 12, 1766, married, Stephen, son of Col. Stephen St. John.

Andrew; born, April 18, 1768.

Richard Hall (Capt.); born, Nov. 5, 1770, married, Theodocia Conklin; see note page 141.

Mary Esther; born, June 16, 1773, married, Edward Fitch; see note page 141.

Thaddeus Hill; born, Nov. 19, 1775, died, Oct. 21, 1776.

Timothy, fourth son of Gov. Thomas and Hannah Fitch, married, June 8, 1764, Esther, daughter of Joseph<sup>2d</sup>. and Hannah (Whitman) Platt. Mrs. Timothy Fitch was a grand-daughter of Hon. Joseph and Hannah (Hanford) Platt, and a great grand-daughter of Deacon John and Hannah (Clark) Platt, which Deacon John Platt was a son of Richard Platt the settler. Timothy and Esther Platt resided in primitive style on Strawberry Hill (opposite Gray's Mineral Works 1896). Their family was large and has representatives in different parts of Norwalk to-day. The children were:

Timothy<sup>2d</sup>; born, Dec. 22, 1775, died young.

Hannah; born, Sept. 15, 1776, married, second wife, Capt. Azor Belden of Wilton.

William; born, Feb. 13, 1768, married, a Hanford, and went west.

Timothy<sup>3d</sup>; born, Oct. 29, 1769, married, Esther, daughter of Obadiah Wright.

Edward; born, May 1, 1772, married, Mary Esther, daughter of Col. Thomas Fitch. See note page 141.

Esther E.; born, Oct. 30, 1773, married, Samuel Marvin Fitch<sup>1st</sup>.

Mary; born, Dec. 8, 1775, died young.

Joseph; born, 1777.

Nancy; born, Aug. 29, 1781, married, Thomas H. Taylor of Westport.

Sally; born, Feb. 12, 1784, married, Jabez Raymond.

Thomas; born, Sept. 7, 1785.

Charles; born, Sept. 10, 1790, married, Anna Nash.

Samuel Fitch, son of Thos.<sup>3d</sup>. and Sarah Fitch, has mention on page 175 of this work.

James<sup>1st</sup>, youngest son of Thomas<sup>3d</sup>. and Sarah Fitch, married Mary, widow of Jedediah Buckingham and daughter of William and Mary (Marvin) Haynes, and had:

James<sup>2d</sup>; married, Ann Hanford.

Haynes; married, Anna Cooke.





Elijah; married Phœbe Smith.

Mary;

Elizabeth;

Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas<sup>3d</sup> and Sarah Fitch, married, May 17, 1721, Joshua, son of Samuel and Judith (Palmer) Raymond, and had:

Elizabeth; born, March 21, 1721-2.

Stephen; born, Jan. 1, 1724-5.

Sarah; born, July 6, 1727.

James; born, Oct. 2, 1729.

Susannah; born, Aug. 28, 1732.

Martha; born, Jan. 5, 1734-5.

Joshua; born, Sept. 12, 1738.

Uriah.

This last son, Uriah, was born after his father's decease. He may have accompanied his mother from Norwalk after her second marriage to Rev. Elisha Kent of Putnam County, N. Y. Uriah, son of Joshua and Elizabeth (Fitch) Raymond, was the great-grandfather (see page 128) of Hon. Henry J. Raymond who established the *New York Times*.

#### HAYNES-MARVIN-FITCH-BENEDICT DESCENT.

"Mr. William Haynes," the first planters-deed proprietor of Haynes' Ridge, married, second, Marcie, born 1660, daughter of Matthew<sup>2d</sup> and Mary Marvin. His bride was one of several children and her brothers and sisters headed some of the solid homes of the Norwalk of that day. This new Haynes union was blest by the birth of only one child, to whom was given the name of Mary, whose half sisters were Isabella (Mrs. Samuel Hanford) and Elizabeth (Mrs. John Bartlett). The three seem to have had no brother, at least in Norwalk. Young Mary Haynes grew to become quite a maiden and had probably watched many a drill of the Norwalk planters sons on the colonial parade ground which edged her home. Across the street from her home dwelt, when he was living, the first minister of the new settlement. He, however, was now dead, and the new "minister's house" was just around the corner from her father's, where stop in 1896 (for East Norwalk) the Consolidated trains. The Rev. Stephen Buckingham, a Harvard College man, but one whose diploma may be seen and read at "Yale," tenanted the parsonage, which was presided over by one of the fairest of New England daughters, Mrs. Buckingham, who belonged to the Hartford Hooker family. There came, on occasional visits, to the parsonage a youth (nephew of the minister) who was born in old Saybrook, Oct. 2, 1696. The young man's father was an eastern Connecticut Buckingham and his mother a Griswold from the same section—two noted family names—and he was welcomed at his relatives. He here made the acquaintance of Mary Haynes of the neighborhood, and finally married her. At



the age of twenty this promise-man, Rev. Jedediah Buckingham, received a call to a parish in New Jersey, the old first church of Newark. A little one was there born (William) to Jedediah and Mary, whom the parents named after his Norwalk grandfather, William (Haynes). Soon after the Newark birth of this son the father made a visit to his uncle, the second pastor of the Norwalk church, in whose home he sickened and shortly died. His grave, elsewhere alluded to, is in the present East Norwalk cemetery. Mary, his wife, remained for a time a widow and then married, for her second husband, the youngest brother of Gov. Thomas Fitch, James, son of Thomas<sup>3d</sup>. and Sarah Fitch. It was young Fitch's first marriage and he had several children: James<sup>2d</sup>, Haynes, Elijah, Mary and Elizabeth. James<sup>2d</sup>. married, in Oct. 1746, Ann, daughter of Elnathan Hanford. This Elnathan was the son of Thomas Hanford<sup>2d</sup>, (whose wife was the widow Burwell), which Thomas<sup>2d</sup>. was the son of Rev. Thomas Hanford. Thomas Hanford<sup>2d</sup>. purchased the property now covering and adjoining the Selleck School property. This was the branch of the Hanford household from which the Ebenezer Hoyt-Hanford descendants sprang. James<sup>2d</sup>. and Ann had a daughter Nancy, born April 11, 1758 (one of a twin birth), who married Feb. 20, 1782, William, son of Nathaniel and Mary (Lockwood) Benedict. Here was a union of two old time families, viz: Fitch and Benedict. William Benedict owned quite a Norwalk territory-slice (now bisected by Knight Street). "Federal Hollow" was the ancient name of the depression east of the upper part of Knight Street and southeast of the William B. E. Lockwood home estate of 1896. From this "Hollow" on the west, a street, "two rods wide," and running north and south, was, in 1764, laid out. At that date the "stumps of the old planks" of Henry Whitney's mill of a hundred years before, were still standing and formed a sort of surveyor's "point," from which the (now Knight)' Street took a northerly

<sup>1</sup>Named for Dr. Jonathan Knight<sup>1st</sup>, a physician. Dr. Knight was born in Norwich, Jan. 10, 1758, and settled at twenty-three years of age in Norwalk. When he came, in 1781, to this town, the new lane, now Knight Street, was sparsely settled. At its upper end, west-side, were the Benedict-Camp premises. William and Nancy (Fitch) Benedict (son and daughter-in-law of Nathaniel Benedict), had, after Captain Josiah Thatcher's death, bought of his estate and owned somewhat along this new lane. On Aug. 15, 1785, a month and one half before their daughter Charlotte's marriage to Jeremiah Camp, they sold for £25 the two acre lot (now Lyon's) directly opposite their home. Dr. Knight, the purchaser, had been married since Oct. 11, 1781, and he here erected a dwelling similar in architecture to the existing Oscar Raymond house, in which, it is probable, were born these children:

Jonathan<sup>2d</sup>.; born Sept. 4, 1789, Yale professor.

James Gale; born June 3, 1800, a young physician of Stamford who died early.

Abigail Ann; born July 24, 1805, married Chas.

E. Disbrow, and had James and Emily.

Dr. Jonathan Knight<sup>1st</sup>. was a skilled medical practitioner who continued active in his work until his death in March, 1829. His next neighbor south was Stephen St. John, son of Col. Stephen and brother of Mrs. Dr. John Cannon and of Mrs. Isaac Scudder Isaacs. Mr. St. John was an apothecary whose store was in the old Cannon building just east of the Holmes, Keeler & Selleck Co. business house of to-day. His mother was a Fitch (Ann, daughter of Samuel) and his wife was a daughter of Col. Thomas Fitch, and grand-daughter of Gov. Thomas Fitch. He had two daughters, Julia Ann and Henrietta, the first of whom married Horace Gibbs (first wife) to whom the property finally fell, and the second, John Hall of Troy, N. Y. Immediately below the Stephen St. John place was what was formerly called the "brook lot," (three acres) and covered in part to-day by Gregory's livery establishment. This lot was sold Feb. 1787, by William Benedict to Benjamin Bostwick for £40. To the south of this lay the Cannon property in the lower end of which stood the Cannon well.

Opposite to Dr. Knight's, west, was the afterward

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of the study and the objectives of the research. It then proceeds to a literature review, highlighting the key findings of previous studies in this field. The methodology section describes the research design, data collection methods, and the statistical analysis used. The results section presents the findings of the study, and the discussion section interprets these findings in the context of the research objectives. Finally, the conclusion summarizes the main points of the paper and suggests areas for future research.

The second part of the paper focuses on the implications of the study for practice and policy. It discusses the potential benefits of the findings and the challenges that may arise in implementing the results. The paper also includes a section on the limitations of the study and the strengths of the research. The final section provides a summary of the key points and a list of references.

course, ending at what was then denominated the "Upper Highway," but now "North Avenue." This was, largely, the ownership of William Benedict. William and Nancy Benedict's family gave to the Norwalk of to-day well known households. Their second daughter, Charlotte, married Jeremiah, a grandson of Jonathan<sup>1st</sup> and Ann Camp. Ann Camp, who sleeps quietly in St. Paul's Church yard, was an ancestress of the blood of whom any New Englander might be proud. In the blush of the young summer that immediately followed the purchase of Norwalk by Ludlow there was baptized, in "Old Milford," the second son of Thomas, the ancestor of the stout Buckingham family of America, and one of the rich company that founded New Haven, and also the first of the Buckingham name to be born in the New World. This Milford infant grew and aged to become, through his daughter Hester, the grandfather, on Nov. 10, 1710, of Ann, who married a young man, eight years older than herself, Jonathan Camp<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk, the grandfather of Jeremiah who married Charlotte, daughter of William Benedict, which Jeremiah and Charlotte lived in the old fashioned dwelling, supplanted many years ago by the generous sized modern Charles F. Raymond home of 1896. Susan, the sister of Mrs. Jeremiah Camp, married James Isaac, son of Isaac and Mary Hoyt, the home grounds of whom are depicted on page 134 and their old (fac-simile) hearthstone at the head of the Hoyt lineage. James I. and Susan Hoyt were the parents of the late James A. Hoyt of East Avenue. Another daughter of William and Nancy Benedict, Esther, born, May 10, 1793, married in New York city, May 22, 1811, (by the Rev. Mr. Howe of Trinity Church,) Edward Smith of Norwalk, who had:

William Duff; born, March 11, 1812, father of William H. Smith of 1896.

Edward James; born, Sept. 16, 1814.

Alexander; born, March 7, 1817.

Jane Gordon; born, July 29, 1819.

Henry; born, July 24, 1821.

Fanny R., daughter of William and Nancy Benedict, married Seth Williston, only son of Nathaniel and Esther (Bouton) Benedict, and once proprietor of the *Norwalk Gazette*

Jeremiah Camp home. Mr. Camp was the grandson of Jonathan Camp, Sr., and his wife was a daughter of William Benedict and sister of the wives of James I. Hoyt, Edward Smith and S. Williston Benedict. Below this home, as far as the Arnold Inn (Street R'y station to-day) was an unbroken bank-side. The Arnold House (northwest corner 1896 of Wall and Knight Streets) was an old-fashioned structure with second story gallery running across its entire south front. This gallery commanded something of a harbor view and was occasionally used as a band-stand. The square in front was a scene of bustle on market days and especially at the time of the arrival of the steamboat from New York, which in early days had its

Norwalk berth at the head of the harbor. The "coming-in" and "going-out" of the boat created a stir.

An accustomed summer evening walk for the young bridge-people in days seventy or eighty years ago was from Main Street, or across the bridge, through Arnold Square down the river side to "Aunt Jennie Metrash's," where root beer, cake, etc., were served. At that time ices were here unknown. Ice cream, pure cream flavored and frozen, was, it is said, first introduced in Norwalk at the table of the Main Street Hoyt's. Few of the olden inhabitants had ice houses. Cream and butter were kept in the well, and in some cases, notably the case of Mrs. Jabez Gregory, in a "milk house." See page 190.





also, afterward, the publisher of the New York *Evangelist*. S. W. Benedict is well remembered to-day for his high integrity and great enterprise. His countenance and his conduct evidenced both. He was the father of the late Mrs. LeGrand Lockwood, of the Norwalk LeGrand Lockwood estate, who for several years survived a husband of most magnanimous remembrance.

#### A FITCH-SMITH-BETTS-NEWSON-ROSS DESCENT.

One of the fierce snow storms that broke, in olden times, over Norwalk, occurred in the first part of February, 1790. On the second day of that month there passed from these mortal to the thither shores the last one of four remarkable children, James<sup>1st</sup>, who had for some years overlived his brothers, Gov. Thomas and Hon. Samuel, and, probably, his sister Elizabeth, (first, Mrs. Joshua Raymond, and second, Mrs. Elisha Kent.) On the day set for the burial of this good man, a "devout christian, and respected by all who knew him," the storm had reached its height and the interment was postponed. The deceased, who had less than a twelve-month survived his faithful wife (Mary Haynes) had been cared for, in his last days, by his son Haynes, at whose house he died. He left several sons and daughters, and among them, Elijah<sup>1st</sup>, who, at the date of his father's decease, had himself been nearly forty years married. Elijah Fitch<sup>1st</sup> married, Oct. 25, 1752, Phœbe, born, Dec. 20, 1731, daughter of Robert and Judith (Fountain) Smith. Robert Smith (see note

'LeGrand Lockwood (see Lockwood lineage,) of admirable recall and who business-wise was one of the most clever and capable sons of this town, sprang from that branch of the Lockwood family to the ancestor of which the town proprietors allotted a tract, between the Whitney's and Kellogg's, on what is known to-day as that part of Main Street into which Centre Avenue opens. The ancient designation of the level known years ago as "the Lane," was Sticky Plain. Through this stretching territory a street (the present upper part of Main Street and a generation ago often called Pudding Lane) was laid out and the land (on the north back as far as "the rocks" and on the south to "the river") was allotted to different settlers. Joseph Lockwood's apportionment is in 1896, cut in two by Centre Avenue. The Lockwood house may have kept its place during the Tryon visitation as there is evidence that the British moved more to the eastward and having there (France Street) been engaged by the militia and by Gen. Parsons' men were prevented from progress at the north or west. To the old Joseph Lockwood home was brought in 1737, a Long Island bride. Joseph Lockwood<sup>2d</sup> and Rebecca Rogers were pronounced man and wife by a Yale (1718) man, the grandfather of Dr. S. I. Prime of the New York *Observer*, and a union was then formed the issue of which would include, either by bridal or blood connection, the representatives of four of this country's colossal finance firms of mod-

ern times, viz: LeGrand Lockwood and E. C. Benedict of New York, Jay O. Moss of Sandusky and Jay Cooke of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Joseph Lockwood<sup>2d</sup>. (Rebecca Rogers), great grandmother of LeGrand Lockwood, was, as far as close investigation to date makes clear, either the great or the great-great-grand-daughter of William and Ann Rogers of Huntington, L. I., which William was unquestionably the son of Thomas Rogers of the Mayflower. She came through Jonathan and Rebecca Rogers (son and daughter-in-law of William) of which Jonathan she was either daughter or grand-daughter. Were she the grand-daughter of Jonathan she might have been the daughter of David and Jane Rogers (see Huntington, L. I. records, vol. xxi., page 21). Her direct descent from Thomas Rogers the pilgrim, seems fully established, and Norwalk carefully transcribed data must be completely nullified to prove anything else. (See page 187.)

#### THE LEGRAND LOCKWOOD MANSION.

This magnificent granite pile, now with its field and grown-to-be forest-like environments, the suburban home of Mrs. Chas. D. Matthews of New York, was erected by the late LeGrand Lockwood for a family seat, and it is gratifying and an act-loyal to a noble memory to consider its to-day developed natural and contributed artificial beauties as a sort of monument to its builder's prophecy-sense of the mingled spirit of art and poetry which would one day pervade and



page 186) came to Norwalk not far from the date of his marriage (March 11, 1724) and bought eligible property in the plantation. His son-in-law and daughter, (Elijah<sup>1st</sup> and Phoebe Fitch,) had ten children, the third of which number, Stephen,<sup>1</sup> born on the fifth anniversary of his parents' marriage (Oct. 25, 1757) wedded, Sept. 22, 1779 (not three months after the town was burned) Hannah, sister of the brave leader of the Norwalk Militia (Capt. Stephen Betts) on the day of the conflagration in July, 1779. Hannah Betts, born, March 30, 1762, as her father's family bible, still in good preservation, records, was the fourth of the five children (Stephen, Isaiah, Isaac,<sup>2</sup> Hannah and Deborah) of Isaac and

invest his fondly selected Norwalk residence-site. Having elected, during a career of eminent commercial success, to plant his home in his native town, Mr. Lockwood's devisings were on a most generous base. For years out of mind there had lain, between the northern and southern sections of the town and in the rear of a few fronting hearthstones, old and newly-sown fields, which had been remarkable only for their annual meadow-produce. This was the spot pitched upon by Mr. Lockwood for his mansion-locality, and on Nov. 24, 1863 the virgin purchase of eight acres was made and the future splendid project inaugurated. These acres which lay immediately opposite (on the east side of the street) of the residence of Charles Mallory and which were that day sold by said Mallory to said Lockwood, were bounded north by the old James Benedict and south by the James Seymour<sup>2d</sup>. properties. To the rear lay Pine Island burying ground, while West Avenue was their west line. The next day (Nov. 25) Mary Susan Benedict, of the James Benedict home which stood exactly in the rear of the 1896 Matthews carriage entrance (and of the ancient David Marvin stock) parted to Mr. Lockwood with the eight additional acres that north-erly bounded the purchase of the day before. This extended the site (north) to the present hedge dividing the Matthews and the Stuart sites.

The next spring, March 9, 1864, saw the pleasantly situated James Seymour<sup>2d</sup>. homestead, with its double maple row, legally wiped out by the deed to Mr. Lockwood on that date, of Sarah, Giles, Ira, George, Harriet and Ann Seymour of Norwalk, and Samuel and Mary Aymar of Brooklyn of the four acre father's hearthstone, which gave to their new proprietor a frontage from Edward Stuart's home on the north to the James Seymour<sup>1st</sup>. home-site on the south, which latter property (and its old red house in which the Revolutionary "assemblies" were held) three days afterward (March 12, 1864) became the ownership of the metropolis banker. The entire Lockwood frontage was now complete, and when the James Seymour<sup>1st</sup>. house was taken down and the James Seymour<sup>2d</sup>. house removed to the Westport road (near the late Mary Church place) where it now stands, and the James Benedict whitewashed portals became a thing of the past, Mr. Lockwood's West Avenue lim-

its were of handsome longitude. Purchases of back lands were from time to time made until the whole plot, a grand estate, stood in Mr. Lockwood's name. Here was built Norwalk's master domicile, not a "turreted castle," but a sumptuous and striking example of architecture-invention.

If the "befores" of Joseph and Rebecca (Rogers) Lockwood of Norwalk were as noticeable as are their "afters" then was the marriage solemnized in Huntington, L. I., in 1737, by Rev. Ebenezer Prime, the middle link in a remarkable pedigree chain. Joseph and Rebecca Lockwood were the grand-parents of Mary Betts, born, April 17, 1799 (daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Betts) Lockwood, see page 190) who married, Sept. 1, 1823, Rev. Henry Benedict, pastor from 1828 to 1832 of the First Congregational Church of Norwalk. Rev. Henry and Mary B. (Lockwood) Benedict were the parents of Elias Cornelius Benedict, born Jan. 24, 1834, who is the almost inseparable companion of GROVER CLEVELAND, LL.D., ex-president of the United States, whose eminent lady, Frances (Folsom) Cleveland, stands name-associated, to say the least, (see Rogers lineage) with one of the chief families of earlier Norwalk.

<sup>1</sup>This is the young man who during one of the enemies plundering excursions, from Long Island to Norwalk, spirited away four of the fine horses that the British had here captured. These horse exploits of the English are referred to in foot note page 114.

<sup>2</sup>Isaac Betts, brother of Mrs. Stephen Fitch, lived in the pleasantly remembered cottage-like structure which stood just east of the Newtown turnpike and where now stands the residence of the widow of the late Stephen Henry Smith. Mr. Smith, one of Norwalk's honored sons, loved the ancestral spot and took true pride in there returning, after a busy New York and Philadelphia career, and establishing a home in which he passed, in great delight, the ending years of an active life. At the time of the Isaac Betts ownership of the spot the house faced the south, and in its coat of pure white paint, with roof overhung and door-front shaded by some of the finest trees in Norwalk, the whole place was a pleasing picture. Since the Betts and previous to the Smith occupancy of the ancient premises the Niblo family of New York found the same to be an inviting country haunt.





Elizabeth (Griffeth) Betts. Her father Isaac, born, July 8, 1730, was the son (see Betts lineage) of Thomas<sup>3d</sup>. and Deborah Betts. Thomas Betts<sup>3d</sup> was the son of Thomas<sup>2d</sup>. and Sarah (Marvin) Betts. His father, Thomas<sup>2d</sup>., was a man of possessions.

"Come," said (so declares tradition) Hannah (Betts) to her husband Stephen Fitch, "I am tired of rye bread, let us go west where we can raise wheat," and "west" the two went. Stephen died July 26, 1829. He survived his wife about a score of years, she having died March 28, 1809 (18-9 as the Betts bible represents it). They had a daughter, Phœbe, born, April 26, 1803, died, Jan. 20, 1886, who married a Newson, and a son Abijah, born, Jan. 1799, who was the father of Nelson Fitch, born in Auburn, N. Y., Sept. 1824. Nelson Fitch was the father of the present Mrs. Elmore W. Ross of Springfield, Ohio.

Elijah Fitch, Jr., born, Sept. 2, 1773, son of Elijah<sup>1st</sup>. and Phœbe (Fitch) Smith, married, May 30, 1793, Mary Olmstead, born, April 2, 1774, and had:

Lydia; born, Dec. 20, 1793, died, Nov. 10, 1801.

Sarah; born, Aug. 2, 1795, married, first, Daniel M. Smith, married, second, Daniel Dunbar.

Maria; born, April 8, 1797, died, July 6, 1804.

Amarylla T.; born, Nov. 16, 1798, married, Abraham Spaulding.

The children of Elijah Fitch, Jr. were all daughters, two of whom died young. Sarah, who married, first, Oct. 3, 1812, Daniel M. Smith of Otsego County, N. Y., had one daughter by the Smith union, viz: Maria (Mrs. L. B. Hyatt) who lived until 1850. By Sarah's Dunbar marriage there were Hannah (married Jan. 8, 1846, William Haythorn); Douglas D. (married, Nov. 24, 1842, Laura Hudson), and Harriet F. (married Sept. 4, 1856, Peter Barton). Amarylla T., the youngest child of Elijah Fitch, Jr., married, April 8, 1821, Abraham Spaulding and had eight children, the most of whom resided in Pennsylvania.

Elijah Fitch, Jr. died Jan. 4, 1841, and his wife (Mary Olmstead) May 22, 1852. They removed from Norwalk and their descendants are elsewhere found.

#### A SAMUEL FITCH<sup>1st</sup>. DESCENT.

Samuel<sup>2d</sup>., born, 1727, son of Hon. Samuel<sup>1st</sup>. and Susanna Fitch, married, July 2, 1750, Elizabeth, born, Sept. 22, 1735, daughter of Joseph<sup>2d</sup>. and Hannah (Whitman) Platt. Joseph Platt<sup>2d</sup>. was educated at Yale College. He was a grandson of Rev. Thomas Hanford, and his life, until its end, was spent in Norwalk. He lived in a fine old-fashioned two story house, unlike many of its contemporary dwellings in that it had no "back roof running low," but was more "on the square." It stood near to, if not upon the exact site of, the Thomas Cornwall France Street 1896 property. Here, two years after his college graduation, was born his daughter Elizabeth and, in all probability, her five sisters, Mary (Mrs.



Jedediah Hanford); Esther (Mrs. Timothy Fitch); Ann (Mrs. Stephen Thatcher; Susanna (Mrs. Daniel Hanford), and Hannah (Mrs. Avery). This old France Street Platt house-hearth furnished the warm coals wherewith the foot-stoves of the Chestnut Hill Fitch's were replenished before divine service. On their way to the sanctuary, which in those days was not warmed, the good Chestnut Hill folk found it convenient to stop at the Platts and newly fill the little stove's ash-pan, thus furnishing sufficient caloric for their hour or two of church attendance. Mrs. Samuel Fitch<sup>2d</sup> (Elizabeth Platt) lived on Chestnut Hill, the family, in addition to herself and husband, consisting of the following children:

Susanna<sup>3d</sup>; born, Dec. 6, 1750.

Anna; born, Nov. 23, 1766.

Joseph; born, Jan. 4, 1753.

Sarah; born, Nov. 23, 1766.

Samuel<sup>3d</sup>; born, April 21, 1761.

Zechariah Whitman; born, Dec. 25, 1771.

Elizabeth; born, Jan. 14, 1763.

Esther; born, Sept. 23, 1773.

Samuel<sup>3d</sup>, son of Samuel<sup>2d</sup> and Elizabeth Fitch, married, March 1, 1783, Olive Stuart, born, May 28, 1760, and had, Joseph Platt,<sup>1</sup> born, Nov. 20, 1790. The father and mother of Joseph P. Fitch removed for a period to Cooperstown, New York, during which time their son, Joseph P., was left with his Norwalk relatives. This son married, Jan. 1, 1816, Emma, born, Nov. 7, 1789, daughter of Amos and Mary (Brown) Sherman. These lived in Lower Wilton, and had:

Mary Elizabeth; married John R. Sturges;

Sherman Platt;

Harriet A.; married, first, Rev. Abel Ogden<sup>2</sup> of Fairfield, and second, Rev. Luther Gregory of Danbury.

The late Sherman Platt Fitch, son of Joseph P. and Emma Fitch, and a gr.-gr.-grandson of Hon. Samuel Fitch<sup>1st</sup>, and who remained through life in touch with the city

<sup>1</sup>He had a brother Daniel, who married Lucretia, born June 27, 1786, daughter of Ebenezer and Ruth (Raymond) Whitney, and sister of Eben Whitney who lived, universally regarded and to a venerable age, in the old style comfort home now supplanted by the commodious Earle East Avenue summer residence. Daniel and Lucretia Fitch had a son Harvey, born May 27, 1816, who married, May 29, 1838, Rebecca, daughter of Jared and Lydia Betts of Wilton. Harvey Fitch removed from Wilton to Norwalk in 1848. His children were: John, Mary Jennet, Alice, Agnes and Sarah. John married Sarah Amelia Hodge, and had, Alice Rebecca and Jennie Eliza. Mary Jennet married John, son of James Cotter, and had, Rebecca Gertrude, Robert Fitch and Helen Jennet.

Miss Emma Fitch, sister of Harvey, is now residing in Norwalk.

<sup>2</sup>Abel Ogden<sup>1st</sup> of Fairfield, married a sister of

Rev. Reuben Sherwood, D.D., rector, 1816-1828, of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk. Dr. Sherwood was born on Mill Hill, beyond Mill Plain, in Fairfield. The Ogden family dates back to early Fairfield history. Mr. and Mrs. Abel Ogden, (the latter was a strong character and a woman of great intelligence) had: George, who married Hetty Beers of Fairfield; David, (Rev.) who married Elizabeth Nash of New Canaan; Abbie, who married Judson Sturges of Fairfield; Edward S., who married Hannah Nash (sister of Mrs. Rev. David Ogden) of New Canaan; Abel<sup>2d</sup> (Rev.) who married, Harriet A., youngest daughter of Joseph Platt Fitch; Elizabeth (unmarried) and Lucretia (unmarried.) Rev. Reuben Sherwood married, first, Catharine Rogers (see page 170) and had two daughters, Catharine and Emily. Dr. Sherwood married, late in life, second, Penelope, daughter of Champlain Harrison. There were no children by this union.



# Outline Descendant Report for Ralph Keeler Sr.

..... 1 Ralph Keeler Sr. b: 1613, d: 1672  
..... + Unknown First Wife  
..... 2 Ralph Keeler Jr. b: Abt. 1647, d: still living in 1713/14  
..... + Grace Lindall b: 31 Mar 1656 in New Haven, CT  
..... 3 Sarah Keeler d: Bef. 1706 in died young leaving son Nathan II  
..... + Nathan Olmstead b: 27 Apr 1678, m: Abt. 1706, d: Jan 1717, m: 02 Dec 1702 in Norwalk records.....or 17th  
..... 4 Nathan Olmstead II b: 04 Dec 1703  
..... 3 Ralph Keeler III  
..... 4 Sarah Keeler  
..... + Samuel Gregory b: 22 Mar 1705  
..... 4 Jemima Keeler  
..... + Caleb Trowbridge  
..... 2 Samuel Keeler  
..... + Sarah St. John b: 18 Jan 1660, m: 10 Mar 1682 in Norwalk records, d: 15 Apr 1714 in Ridgefield, CT  
..... 3 Samuel Keeler II b: 1682 in Norwalk, Fairfield County, CT, d: 08 Aug 1763 in Norwalk, Fairfield County, CT  
*Wife 2*..... + Sarah Betts b: 21 Jan 1687 in Norwalk, Fairfield County, CT, m: 11 Dec 1712 in Norwalk records, d: 12 Jan 1777 in Norwalk, Fairfield County, CT  
..... 4 Sarah Keeler b: 01 Jan 1714  
..... + John Ray b: of New York Knickerbocker Ray family  
..... 4 Matthew Keeler b: 14 Mar 1717, d: one source says he died in 1797  
..... + Sarah Grumman b: 28 Oct 1722, d: 1769 in Norwalk, Fairfield County, CT  
..... 4 Mary Keeler b: 29 Jan 1719  
..... + John Lockwood b: 08 Feb 1720, m: 27 Apr 1746 in Norwalk records, d: 1788  
..... 4 Elizabeth Keeler b: 20 Apr 1722  
..... 4 Hannah Keeler b: 18 Oct 1725, d: 06 Dec 1783  
..... + Nehemiah Benedict b: 09 Jan 1730, m: 17 Dec 1751 in Norwalk records  
*Wife 1*..... + Rebecca Benedict b: 1679 in of Danbury, CT, m: 18 Jan 1705, d: 20 Mar 1709  
..... 4 Samuel Keeler III  
..... 4 Rebecca Keeler  
..... 2 John Keeler Sr.  
..... + Mehitable Rockwell m: 18 Jun 1679  
..... 3 Mehitable Keeler d: 21 Mar 1755 in Norwalk CT Records  
..... + Caleb Hoyt m: 25 Feb 1708 in Norwalk records, d: 11 Apr 1755  
..... 4 Deborah Hoyt b: 1726, d: 15 Sep 1803  
..... + Hezekiah Hanford b: 1722, m: 07 Oct 1743, d: 02 May 1812  
..... 4 Benajah Hoyt b: 08 Dec 1708  
..... + Dinah Smith b: 08 Jul 1715  
..... 4 David Hoyt b: 03 Dec 1710  
..... + Joseph Blachley m: 14 Oct 1703 in Norwalk records, d: 14 Oct 1704  
..... 4 Mary Blachley b: 09 Nov 1704  
..... 3 John Keeler II b: 26 Dec 1682 in Norwalk, CT, d: 11 Jul 1763 in Wilton, Fairfield County, CT  
..... + Rhoda Hoyt b: Abt. 1690 in Norwalk, CT, m: 19 Apr 1710 in Norwalk marriage records by Barbour, d: 28 Jan 1754 in Wilton, Fairfield County, CT  
..... 4 Abigail Keeler b: 27 Mar 1712  
..... 4 Jehu Keeler b: 1715 in Norwalk, CT, d: 1789 in Wilton, Fairfield County, CT  
..... + Lidiah Lockwood b: 10 Jan 1717, d: 16 Nov 1766  
..... 4 Rhoda Keeler

2. Samuel I  
+ Sarah  
3. Samuel  
Other file  
\* 3. Joseph  
3. Jonah  
3. Timothy  
3. Benj





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..... + Abraham Nash b: Abt. 1720 in Norwalk, CT, m: 1738  
..... 3 Daniel Keeler d: Abt. 1764  
..... + Hannah Whitney b: 05 Nov 1707  
..... 4 Hannah Keeler  
..... + Benjamin Boalt b: 26 Sep 1718, m: 29 Dec 1748 in Stamford, New Canaan, CT,  
Records  
..... 4 Daniel Keeler II b: Abt. 1730  
..... 4 John Keeler  
..... 4 Joseph Keeler  
..... 4 Isaiah Keeler  
..... 4 Jeremiah Keeler  
..... 4 Lydia Keeler  
..... 4 Dorothy Keeler  
..... 4 Dinah Keeler  
..... 4 Elizabeth Keeler  
..... 3 David Keeler  
..... 3 Elissabeth Keeler b: 19 Mar 1678  
..... 2 Jonas Keeler d: Bef. 11 Mar 1674 in died unmarried  
..... 2 Elizabeth Keeler b: Abt. 1653  
..... + James Pickett m: 17 Jul 1673 in Norwalk records  
..... 3 James Pickett II b: 07 May 1674  
..... + Deborah Stuart m: 14 Apr 1726 in Norwalk records  
..... 4 John Pickett b: 06 Sep 1737  
..... + Mercy Platt  
..... 4 Sarah Pickett b: 12 Sep 1728  
..... 4 Esther Pickett b: 14 Nov 1730  
..... 4 James Pickett b: 24 Apr 1732  
..... 4 Deborah Pickett b: 03 Oct 1734  
..... 4 Ezra Pickett b: 12 Jul 1740  
..... + Elizabeth Benedict m: 30 Mar 1761 in Norwalk records  
..... 3 Sarah Pickett b: 04 Apr 1678  
..... + Joseph Hoyt b: Bet. 1676-1678  
..... 4 Zerubbabel Hoyt II  
..... 4 James Hoyt  
..... + Hannah Gould  
..... 4 Moses Hoyt  
..... 4 Joseph Hoyt II  
..... 4 Sarah Hoyt  
..... 4 Elizabeth Hoyt  
..... + Samuel Raymond b: 07 May 1699 in of Norwalk, CT, m: 1719  
..... 4 Hannah Hoyt  
..... 2 Rebecca Keeler  
..... + Benjamin Turney b: of Fairfield, CT, m: 16 Nov 1671  
..... 2 Isabel Keeler  
..... + Sarah Whelpley

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party.

## Outline Descendant Report for Ralph Keeler

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- ..... 1 Ralph Keeler b: Abt. 1613 in England.....Lawford, Essex Co., d: 10 Aug 1672 in East Norwalk, Fairfield Co., CT
  - ..... + Wife Unknown b: Poss wife was \_\_\_\_\_ Betts (see notes)
- ..... 2 Samuel Keeler b: Abt. 1655 in Norwalk, Connecticut or possible Hartford, d: 19 May 1713 in Ridgefield, Connecticut
  - ..... + Sarah St. John b: 18 Jun 1659 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Connecticut.....or 1660, m: 10 Mar 1682 in Norwalk, Connecticut, d: 15 Apr 1714 in Ridgefield, Connecticut
- ..... 3 Joseph Keeler b: 1683 in Norwalk, Connecticut, d: 29 Nov 1757 in Ridgefield, CT
  - ..... + Elizabeth Whitney b: 1684 in Ridgebury, Fairfield County, CT, m: Abt. 1705 in Norwalk, CT, d: 17 Mar 1763 in Ridgebury, CT.....or Ridgefield
- ..... 4 Paul Keeler Sr. b: Abt. 1722 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, d: 27 Apr 1787 in Westchester County, New York, South Salem (Lewistown Mg. Gray)
  - ..... + Sarah Smith
  - ..... + Sarah Wood m: Abt. 1751, d: 20 May 1790
- ..... 4 Rachael Keeler b: 04 Oct 1706, d: 16 Mar 1763 in LDS FGS.....Danbury, CT ref. Marge Gray.....
  - ..... + David Osborn b: Nov 1700, m: 1726
  - ..... + Samuel Osborn b: Nov 1708 in of Bedford, m: 1726
  - ..... + Lemuel Morehouse m: 06 Jun 1750
- ..... 4 Elizabeth Keeler b: 18 Nov 1708 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, d: 17 Mar 1763 in Fairfield County, CT
  - ..... + John Rockwell b: Apr 1706 in Norwalk, CT, m: 03 Sep 1731 in Ridgefield Records, d: 04 Jul 1773 in Ridgefield, CT, m: 22 Nov 1769
- ..... 4 Sarah Keeler b: 22 Sep 1710
- ..... 4 Joseph Keeler Jr. b: 08 Apr 1713 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, d: 05 Apr 1796 in Rutland, Rutland County, Vermont.....LDS FGS.....Pittsfield, Berkshire, MA, ref. Marge Gray.....
  - ..... + Jane Willson m: 26 Feb 1736 in Ridgefield Records
- ..... 4 Martin Keeler b: 13 May 1717 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, d: 20 Feb 1785 in Ridgefield, Connecticut
  - ..... + Esther b: 1721 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, m: Abt. 1750
- ..... 4 Lott Keeler b: 26 Feb 1720 in or March 26, 1726 LDS, d: 20 Feb 1765 in LDS FGS.....
  - ..... + Elizabeth Goodenough
- ..... 4 Silas Keeler b: 03 Dec 1724 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, d: 02 May 1774 in Ridgefield, Connecticut
  - ..... + Abigail Elmer b: 1723, m: 14 Apr 1746 in Wilton, CT.....by Rev. William Gaylord, d: 1789
- ..... 4 John Keeler b: 17 Mar 1726 in Ridgefield, Connecticut.....or January 11, d: 02 Jun 1782 in Ridgebury, Fairfield Co., CT
  - ..... + Sarah Northrup m: 30 May 1750 in Ridgefield Records
- ..... 4 Isaac Keeler b: Abt. 1715 in Ridgefield, CT.....Fairfield County, d: 1778 in Ridgefield, CT.....Fairfield County
  - ..... + Anne Davis Stebbins b: Abt. 1719 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, m: 29 Apr 1752 in Ridgefield Records, d: Abt. 1757
  - ..... + Mary Morehouse b: 04 Sep 1722 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, m: Abt. 1740, d: 1750 in Salem, New York
  - ..... + Hannah Stebbins b: 22 Mar 1728 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, d: 14 Apr 1812 in Ridgefield, Connecticut
- ..... 4 Elijah Keeler b: 17 Mar 1727 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, d: Aft. 1790
  - ..... + Sarah b: 1726 in Ridgefield, CT, m: Abt. 1748 in Ridgefield, CT
- ..... 3 Samuel Keeler Jr. b: Abt. 1683, d: 08 Aug 1763
  - ..... + Rebecca Benedict b: 1679 in of Danbury, CT, m: 18 Jan 1705, d: 20 Mar 1709





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..... 4 Samuel Keeler b: 14 Jan 1706  
..... 4 Rebecca Keeler b: 28 Oct 1708  
..... + Sarah Betts b: 22 Jan 1687, m: 11 Dec 1712 in Norwalk records, d: 12 Jan 1777  
..... 4 Sarah Keeler b: 01 Jan 1714  
..... + John Ray b: of old New York Knickerbocker Ray family  
..... 4 Mathew Keeler b: 14 Mar 1717  
..... + Sarah  
..... 4 Mary Keeler b: 29 Jan 1719  
..... 4 Elizabeth Keeler b: 20 Apr 1722  
..... 4 Hannah Keeler b: 18 Oct 1725, d: 06 Dec 1783  
..... + Nehemiah Benedict m: 17 Dec 1751  
..... 4 Rebecca Keeler b: 27 Aug 1729  
..... 3 Jonah Keeler b: 1690 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., CT, d: 24 May 1767  
..... + Ruth Smith m: 05 Nov 1713 in Ridgefield Records, d: 01 Nov 1754 in Ridgefield, CT records....."Ruth, wife of Jonah"  
..... 4 Jonah Keeler b: 17 Sep 1714  
..... 4 Samuel Keeler b: 09 Feb 1716, d: 30 Jun 1781  
..... + Mary Kendrick m: 22 Jan 1736 in Ridgefield Records, d: 25 Nov 1797  
..... 4 Ruth Keeler b: 02 Dec 1717 in born 1714 by Ridgefield records, d: 26 Jan 1718  
..... 4 Hannah Keeler b: 14 Oct 1719, d: 1722  
..... 4 Abigail Keeler b: 12 Oct 1721  
..... 4 Abigail Keeler b: 09 Feb 1724  
..... 4 Matthew Keeler b: 13 Mar 1725, d: 29 Oct 1795 in Ridgefield, CT records  
..... + Deborah b: Abt. 1733, d: 04 Jun 1788 in Ridgefield, CT records.....Barbour  
..... 4 Rachel Keeler b: 05 May 1727  
..... Lydia Keeler b: 14 Oct 1731, d: Abt. 1769 in will proved 1769.....see notes  
..... + Ephriam Coley b: Bet. 1720-1730, d: Abt. 1767 in will proved 1767.....see notes  
..... 4 Hannah Keeler b: 13 Dec 1728  
..... 3 Timothy Keeler b: 1695 in per kfkitch, d: 30 Aug 1748 in Ridgefield, Connecticut  
..... + Abigail Osborn b: Jul 1702, m: 19 May 1720 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, d: 24 Nov 1735  
..... 4 Timothy Keeler b: 09 Oct 1721 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, d: 1815 in Ridgefield, Connecticut (from History of Ridgefield by Rockwell)  
..... + Mary Hoyt m: 19 Jul 1744 in Ridgefield, CT records.....Barbour, d: 30 Jun 1777 in Ridgefield, CT records....."Mary, wife of Timothy"  
..... 4 Sarah Keeler b: 03 Jul 1726, d: 02 Dec 1726 in died young  
..... 4 Sarah Keeler II b: 26 Sep 1727  
..... 4 Benjamin Keeler b: 24 Nov 1730  
..... + Martha  
..... 4 Jeremiah Keeler b: 14 Apr 1733  
..... + Hannah Seymour m: 15 Jan 1764 in Ridgefield, CT.....records by Barbour  
..... 4 Abigail Keeler b: 09 Feb 1724  
..... + Sarah Allen Couch b: 01 Jan 1697, m: 10 Nov 1736 in Fairfield, West Parish, CT, d: 10 Mar 1787  
..... 4 Mary Keeler b: 30 Apr 1738, d: 22 Nov 1745 in Ridgefield, Connecticut  
..... 4 Hannah Keeler b: 05 Sep 1741  
..... 3 Benjamin Keeler b: 1685 in Norwalk, CT.....per kfkitch, d: Abt. Feb 1719 in per kfkitch  
..... + Hannah  
..... 4 Stephen Keeler b: Abt. 1715 in Prob. Ridgefield, CT, d: 06 May 1774 in date found in Barbour Norwalk records  
..... + Sarah Birchard m: 25 Nov 1765 in Norwalk, CT records by Barbour



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- ..... 2 John Keeler b: 09 Feb 1654 in Norwalk, CT.....poss. Hartford, CT (or 1645?), d: 19 May 1717 in Norwalk, CT ... Poss. after Feb. 27, 1718/9
  - ..... + Mehitabel Rockwell m: 18 Jun 1679 in Norwalk, CT, m: Aft. 1718
- ..... 3 Daniel Keeler d: 1764
  - ..... + Hannah Whitney
- ..... 4 Hannah Keeler
  - ..... + Benjamin Bolt m: 29 Dec 1748 in New Canaan, CT.....Stamford, New Canaan records
- ..... 4 Daniel Keeler Jr. b: 1730, d: 24 Dec 1803 in New Canaan, CT
  - ..... + Mary d: 18 Nov 1811 in New Canaan, CT
- ..... 4 John Keeler
- ..... 4 Joseph Keeler
- ..... 4 Isaiah Keeler
  - ..... + Mellescent Olmstead m: 06 Mar 1760 in Ridgefield, CT.....records by Barbour
- ..... 4 Jeremiah Keeler
- ..... 4 Lydia Keeler
- ..... 4 Dorothy Keeler
  - ..... + Abraham Hoyt m: 20 Jun 1750 in Stamford, New Canaan, CT records
- ..... 4 Dinah Keeler
  - ..... + James Campfield b: of Salem, m: 29 Apr 1762 in Stamford, New Canaan, CT records
- ..... 4 Elizabeth Keeler
- ..... 3 Elizabeth Keeler b: 19 Mar 1678 in Recorded at Norwalk
  - ..... + Daniel Hoyt
- ..... 3 John Keeler Jr. b: 26 Dec 1682 in Norwalk, Connecticut
  - ..... + Rhoda Hoyt m: 19 Apr 1710 in Norwalk, CT
- ..... 4 Abigail Keeler b: 27 Mar 1711
- ..... 4 Rhoda Keeler
  - ..... + Abram Nash
- ..... 3 Mehitabel Keeler d: 21 Mar 1755 in Norwalk, Connecticut
  - ..... + Joseph Blatchley m: 14 Oct 1703, d: 14 Oct 1704
- ..... 4 Mary Blatchley b: 09 Nov 1704
  - ..... + Caleb Hoyt m: 25 Feb 1707 in Norwalk, Connecticut, d: 11 Apr 1755 in Norwalk, CT
- ..... 4 Benijah Hoyt b: 08 Dec 1708
- ..... 4 Caleb Hoyt II
  - ..... + Ruth Bouton b: of Danbury, CT, m: 16 May 1750, d: 09 Apr 1755 in Norwalk, CT
- ..... 4 David Hoyt b: 03 Dec 1710
- ..... 3 David Keeler
- ..... 3 Hannah Keeler
- ..... 3 Sarah Keeler
- ..... 3 Jemima Keeler
- ..... 3 Ruth Keeler
  - ..... + Matthew Benedict m: 08 Dec 1727 in Ridgefield Records
- ..... + Daughter Stephen Beckwith
- ..... 3 Elizabeth Keeler
- ..... 2 Ralph Keeler Jr. b: Abt. 1647 in Prob. Hartford, CT, d: Bef. 01 Mar 1721 in Norwalk, CT ... date of inventory
  - ..... + Grace Lindall b: 31 Mar 1656 in New Haven, CT, d: still living 1716 .... date of husband's will
- ..... 3 Sarah Keeler
  - ..... + Nathan Olmstead b: 27 Apr 1678, m: 02 Dec 1702 in or Dec. 7 or 17
- ..... 4 Nathan Olmstead
- ..... 3 Ralph Keeler III



## Outline Descendant Report for Ralph Keeler

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..... 3 Ebenezer Keeler  
..... + Hannah  
..... 4 Ebenezer Keeler b: 02 Jan 1721 in Wilton, CT  
..... 4 Ralph Keeler b: 1722  
..... + Sarah Coley  
..... 4 Nathan Keeler b: 1727  
..... 4 Rebecca Keeler b: 1726  
..... 4 Abigail Keeler b: 1728  
..... 4 Jonathan Keeler b: 1730  
..... 3 Rebecca Keeler  
..... + Ebenezer Hickock  
..... 2 Jonas Jonah Keeler b: Abt. 1657, d: Bef. 11 Mar 1674 in Norwalk, Connecticut.....died  
unmarried  
..... 2 Rebecca Keeler b: Bef. 09 Feb 1650  
..... + Benjamin Turney b: Abt. 1645, m: 16 Nov 1671 in Fairfield, CT, d: Abt. 1694  
..... 3 James Turney b: 1674  
..... 3 Sarah Turney b: 1678  
..... + John Hull b: Dr. of New Haven, Stratford, Derby, and Wallingford, CT, m: 21 Sep 1699 in  
Wallingford, CT as his 4th wife  
..... 2 Isabel Keeler b: Abt. 1649  
..... + Thomas Morehouse m: Bef. 1672 in (date before 1672 as found in father's will)  
..... 2 Elizabeth Keeler b: Abt. 1653  
..... + James Pickett b: Abt. 1648, m: 17 Jul 1673 in Norwalk, Fairfield County, CT, d: 1701 in or  
1702 in Danbury, CT.  
..... 2 Daughter Four Keeler  
..... + Sarah Howes Treadwell Whelpy b: Bet. 1615–1620 in Hartford, Hartford County, CT per kkfitch,  
m: Abt. 1663, d: 1684





## Outline Descendant Report for Ralph Keeler

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- ..... 1 Ralph Keeler b: Abt. 1613 in England.....Lawford, Essex Co., d: 10 Aug 1672 in East Norwalk, Fairfield Co., CT
- ..... + Wife Unknown b: Poss wife was \_\_\_\_\_ Betts (see notes)
- ..... 2 Samuel Keeler b: Abt. 1655 in Norwalk, Connecticut or possible Hartford, d: 19 May 1713 in Ridgefield, Connecticut
- ..... + Sarah St. John b: 18 Jun 1659 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Connecticut.....or 1660, m: 10 Mar 1682 in Norwalk, Connecticut, d: 15 Apr 1714 in Ridgefield, Connecticut
- ..... 3 Joseph Keeler b: 1683 in Norwalk, Connecticut, d: 29 Nov 1757 in Ridgefield, CT
- ..... + Elizabeth Whitney b: 1684 in Ridgebury, Fairfield County, CT, m: Abt. 1705 in Norwalk, CT, d: 17 Mar 1763 in Ridgebury, CT.....or Ridgefield
- ..... 4 Paul Keeler Sr. b: Abt. 1722 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, d: 27 Apr 1787 in Westchester County, New York, South Salem (Lewisboro Mg. Gray)
- ..... + Sarah Smith
- ..... + Sarah Wood m: Abt. 1751, d: 20 May 1790
- ..... 4 Rachael Keeler b: 04 Oct 1706, d: 16 Mar 1763 in LDS FGS.....Danbury, CT ref. Marge Gray.....
- ..... + David Osborn b: Nov 1700, m: 1726
- ..... + Samuel Osborn b: Nov 1708 in of Bedford, m: 1726
- ..... + Lemuel Morehouse m: 06 Jun 1750
- ..... 4 Elizabeth Keeler b: 18 Nov 1708 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, d: 17 Mar 1763 in Fairfield County, CT
- ..... + John Rockwell b: Apr 1706 in Norwalk, CT, m: 03 Sep 1731 in Ridgefield Records, d: 04 Jul 1773 in Ridgefield, CT, m: 22 Nov 1769
- ..... 4 Sarah Keeler b: 22 Sep 1710
- ..... 4 Joseph Keeler Jr. b: 08 Apr 1713 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, d: 05 Apr 1796 in Rutland, Rutland County, Vermont.....LDS FGS.....Pittsfield, Berkshire, MA, ref. Marge Gray.....
- ..... + Jane Willson m: 26 Feb 1736 in Ridgefield Records
- ..... 4 Martin Keeler b: 13 May 1717 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, d: 20 Feb 1785 in Ridgefield, Connecticut
- ..... + Esther b: 1721 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, m: Abt. 1750
- ..... 4 Lott Keeler b: 26 Feb 1720 in or March 26, 1726 LDS, d: 20 Feb 1765 in LDS FGS.....
- ..... + Elizabeth Goodenough
- ..... 4 Silas Keeler b: 03 Dec 1724 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, d: 02 May 1774 in Ridgefield, Connecticut
- ..... + Abigail Elmer b: 1723, m: 14 Apr 1746 in Wilton, CT.....by Rev. William Gaylord, d: 1789
- ..... 4 John Keeler b: 17 Mar 1726 in Ridgefield, Connecticut.....or January 11, d: 02 Jun 1782 in Ridgebury, Fairfield Co., CT
- ..... + Sarah Northrup m: 30 May 1750 in Ridgefield Records
- ..... 4 Isaac Keeler b: Abt. 1715 in Ridgefield, CT.....Fairfield County, d: 1778 in Ridgefield, CT.....Fairfield County
- ..... + Anne Davis Stebbins b: Abt. 1719 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, m: 29 Apr 1752 in Ridgefield Records, d: Abt. 1757
- ..... + Mary Morehouse b: 04 Sep 1722 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, m: Abt. 1740, d: 1750 in Salem, New York
- ..... + Hannah Stebbins b: 22 Mar 1728 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, d: 14 Apr 1812 in Ridgefield, Connecticut
- ..... 4 Elijah Keeler b: 17 Mar 1727 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, d: Aft. 1790
- ..... + Sarah b: 1726 in Ridgefield, CT, m: Abt. 1748 in Ridgefield, CT
- ..... 3 Samuel Keeler Jr. b: Abt. 1683, d: 08 Aug 1763
- ..... + Rebecca Benedict b: 1679 in of Danbury, CT, m: 18 Jan 1705, d: 20 Mar 1709



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- ..... 4 Samuel Keeler b: 14 Jan 1706
- ..... 4 Rebecca Keeler b: 28 Oct 1708
- ..... + Sarah Betts b: 22 Jan 1687, m: 11 Dec 1712 in Norwalk records, d: 12 Jan 1777
- ..... 4 Sarah Keeler b: 01 Jan 1714
- ..... + John Ray b: of old New York Knickerbocker Ray family
- ..... 4 Mathew Keeler b: 14 Mar 1717
- ..... + Sarah
- ..... 4 Mary Keeler b: 29 Jan 1719
- ..... 4 Elizabeth Keeler b: 20 Apr 1722
- ..... 4 Hannah Keeler b: 18 Oct 1725, d: 06 Dec 1783
- ..... + Nehemiah Benedict m: 17 Dec 1751
- ..... 4 Rebecka Keeler b: 27 Aug 1729
- ..... 3 Jonah Keeler b: 1690 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., CT, d: 24 May 1767
- ..... + Ruth Smith m: 05 Nov 1713 in Ridgefield Records, d: 01 Nov 1754 in Ridgefield, CT records....."Ruth, wife of Jonah"
- ..... 4 Jonah Keeler b: 17 Sep 1714
- ..... 4 Samuel Keeler b: 09 Feb 1716, d: 30 Jun 1781
- ..... + Mary Kendrick m: 22 Jan 1736 in Ridgefield Records, d: 25 Nov 1797
- ..... 4 Ruth Keeler b: 02 Dec 1717 in born 1714 by Ridgefield records, d: 26 Jan 1718
- ..... 4 Hannah Keeler b: 14 Oct 1719, d: 1722
- ..... 4 Abigail Keeler b: 12 Oct 1721
- ..... 4 Abigail Keeler b: 09 Feb 1724
- ..... 4 Matthew Keeler b: 13 Mar 1725, d: 29 Oct 1795 in Ridgefield, CT records
- ..... + Deborah b: Abt. 1733, d: 04 Jun 1788 in Ridgefield, CT records.....Barbour
- ..... 4 Rachel Keeler b: 05 May 1727
- ..... 4 Lydia Keeler b: 14 Oct 1731, d: Abt. 1769 in will proved 1769.....see notes
- ..... + Ephriam Coley b: Bet. 1720–1730, d: Abt. 1767 in will proved 1767.....see notes
- ..... 4 Hannah Keeler b: 13 Dec 1728
- ..... 3 Timothy Keeler b: 1695 in per kfkitch, d: 30 Aug 1748 in Ridgefield, Connecticut
- ..... + Abigail Osborn b: Jul 1702, m: 19 May 1720 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, d: 24 Nov 1735
- ..... 4 Timothy Keeler b: 09 Oct 1721 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, d: 1815 in Ridgefield, Connecticut (from History of Ridgefield by Rockwell)
- ..... + Mary Hoyt m: 19 Jul 1744 in Ridgefield, CT records.....Barbour, d: 30 Jun 1777 in Ridgefield, CT records....."Mary, wife of Timothy"
- ..... 4 Sarah Keeler b: 03 Jul 1726, d: 02 Dec 1726 in died young
- ..... 4 Sarah Keeler II b: 26 Sep 1727
- ..... 4 Benjamin Keeler b: 24 Nov 1730
- ..... + Martha
- ..... 4 Jeremiah Keeler b: 14 Apr 1733
- ..... + Hannah Seymour m: 15 Jan 1764 in Ridgefield, CT.....records by Barbour
- ..... 4 Abigail Keeler b: 09 Feb 1724
- ..... + Sarah Allen Couch b: 01 Jan 1697, m: 10 Nov 1736 in Fairfield, West Parish, CT, d: 10 Mar 1787
- ..... 4 Mary Keeler b: 30 Apr 1738, d: 22 Nov 1745 in Ridgefield, Connecticut
- ..... 4 Hannah Keeler b: 05 Sep 1741
- ..... 3 Benjamin Keeler b: 1685 in Norwalk, CT.....per kfkitch, d: Abt. Feb 1719 in per kfkitch
- ..... + Hannah
- ..... 4 Stephen Keeler b: Abt. 1715 in Prob. Ridgefield, CT, d: 06 May 1774 in date found in Barbour Norwalk records
- ..... + Sarah Birchard m: 25 Nov 1765 in Norwalk, CT records by Barbour





## Outline Descendant Report for Ralph Keeler

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- ..... 2 John Keeler b: 09 Feb 1654 in Norwalk, CT.....poss. Hartford, CT (or 1645?), d: 19 May 1717 in Norwalk, CT ... Poss. after Feb. 27, 1718/9
  - ..... + Mehitable Rockwell m: 18 Jun 1679 in Norwalk, CT, m: Aft. 1718
- ..... 3 Daniel Keeler d: 1764
  - ..... + Hannah Whitney
- ..... 4 Hannah Keeler
  - ..... + Benjamin Bolt m: 29 Dec 1748 in New Canaan, CT.....Stamford, New Canaan records
- ..... 4 Daniel Keeler Jr. b: 1730, d: 24 Dec 1803 in New Canaan, CT
  - ..... + Mary d: 18 Nov 1811 in New Canaan, CT
- ..... 4 John Keeler
- ..... 4 Joseph Keeler
- ..... 4 Isaiah Keeler
  - ..... + Mellescent Olmstead m: 06 Mar 1760 in Ridgefield, CT.....records by Barbour
- ..... 4 Jeremiah Keeler
- ..... 4 Lydia Keeler
- ..... 4 Dorothy Keeler
  - ..... + Abraham Hoyt m: 20 Jun 1750 in Stamford, New Canaan, CT records
- ..... 4 Dinah Keeler
  - ..... + James Campfield b: of Salem, m: 29 Apr 1762 in Stamford, New Canaan, CT records
- ..... 4 Elizabeth Keeler
- ..... 3 Elizabeth Keeler b: 19 Mar 1678 in Recorded at Norwalk
  - ..... + Daniel Hoyt
- ..... 3 John Keeler Jr. b: 26 Dec 1682 in Norwalk, Connecticut
  - ..... + Rhoda Hoyt m: 19 Apr 1710 in Norwalk, CT
- ..... 4 Abigail Keeler b: 27 Mar 1711
- ..... 4 Rhoda Keeler
  - ..... + Abram Nash
- ..... 3 Mehitable Keeler d: 21 Mar 1755 in Norwalk, Connecticut
  - ..... + Joseph Blatchley m: 14 Oct 1703, d: 14 Oct 1704
- ..... 4 Mary Blatchley b: 09 Nov 1704
  - ..... + Caleb Hoyt m: 25 Feb 1707 in Norwalk, Connecticut, d: 11 Apr 1755 in Norwalk, CT
- ..... 4 Benijah Hoyt b: 08 Dec 1708
- ..... 4 Caleb Hoyt II
  - ..... + Ruth Bouton b: of Danbury, CT, m: 16 May 1750, d: 09 Apr 1755 in Norwalk, CT
- ..... 4 David Hoyt b: 03 Dec 1710
- ..... 3 David Keeler
- ..... 3 Hannah Keeler
- ..... 3 Sarah Keeler
- ..... 3 Jemima Keeler
- ..... 3 Ruth Keeler
  - ..... + Matthew Benedict m: 08 Dec 1727 in Ridgefield Records
- ..... + Daughter Stephen Beckwith
- ..... 3 Elizabeth Keeler
- ..... 2 Ralph Keeler Jr. b: Abt. 1647 in Prob. Hartford, CT, d: Bef. 01 Mar 1721 in Norwalk, CT ... date of inventory
  - ..... + Grace Lindall b: 31 Mar 1656 in New Haven, CT, d: still living 1716 .... date of husband's will
- ..... 3 Sarah Keeler
  - ..... + Nathan Olmstead b: 27 Apr 1678, m: 02 Dec 1702 in or Dec. 7 or 17
- ..... 4 Nathan Olmstead
- ..... 3 Ralph Keeler III



## Outline Descendant Report for Ralph Keeler

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..... 3 Ebenezer Keeler  
..... + Hannah  
..... 4 Ebenezer Keeler b: 02 Jan 1721 in Wilton, CT  
..... 4 Ralph Keeler b: 1722  
..... + Sarah Coley  
..... 4 Nathan Keeler b: 1727  
..... 4 Rebecca Keeler b: 1726  
..... 4 Abigail Keeler b: 1728  
..... 4 Jonathan Keeler b: 1730  
..... 3 Rebecca Keeler  
..... + Ebenezer Hickock  
..... 2 Jonas Jonah Keeler b: Abt. 1657, d: Bef. 11 Mar 1674 in Norwalk, Connecticut.....died  
unmarried  
..... 2 Rebecca Keeler b: Bef. 09 Feb 1650  
..... + Benjamin Turney b: Abt. 1645, m: 16 Nov 1671 in Fairfield, CT, d: Abt. 1694  
..... 3 James Turney b: 1674  
..... 3 Sarah Turney b: 1678  
..... + John Hull b: Dr. of New Haven, Stratford, Derby, and Wallingford, CT, m: 21 Sep 1699 in  
Wallingford, CT as his 4th wife  
..... 2 Isabel Keeler b: Abt. 1649  
..... + Thomas Morehouse m: Bef. 1672 in (date before 1672 as found in father's will)  
..... 2 Elizabeth Keeler b: Abt. 1653  
..... + James Pickett b: Abt. 1648, m: 17 Jul 1673 in Norwalk, Fairfield County, CT, d: 1701 in or  
1702 in Danbury, CT.  
..... 2 Daughter Four Keeler  
..... + Sarah Howes Treadwell Whelpley b: Bet. 1615–1620 in Hartford, Hartford County, CT per kcfitch,  
m: Abt. 1663, d: 1684



affinity of his great grand-aunt, Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers, was a parent in the memory of whose worth and admirable character-unison children's children may take delight. He married, May 12, 1847, Sarah Maria, born, Aug. 24, 1826, daughter of the excellent Philo Webb and Rebecca (Lobdell) Jones of Westport, and had :

Edward Sherman ; born, Feb. 7, 1848.

Arthur Treat ; born, Aug. 6, 1849, resides abroad.

Helen Elizabeth ; born, Feb. 6, 1853, married, Dec. 29, 1870, John B. Sturges.

Agnes J. ; born, Nov. 10, 1854, married, Oct. 27, 1886, David B. Ogden.

Harriet R. ; born, Jan. 10, 1857, married, May 2, 1882, Daniel D. Telford.

Frances ; born, Sept. 5, 1861, married, Oct. 16, 1889, John M. Belden.

Richard Henry ; born, June 5, 1866, unmarried.

Sherman Platt Fitch, born, Nov. 26, 1822 ; died Feb. 16, 1894.

Edward S., son of Sherman P. and Sarah Maria Fitch, married, Nov. 16, 1870, Ella L. Chauncey of Brooklyn, L. I., and had : Harry S., Maud and Ethel.

The record, for public service, of the four successive Samuel Fitch generations, down to Edward S. Fitch, is somewhat unique. Samuel<sup>1st</sup> was a well known colonial official. His son, Samuel<sup>2d</sup>, was a sergeant, in 1775, under Col. Israel Putnam. Joseph Platt Fitch belonged to the Thirty-fourth Regiment of Connecticut Militia, and Sherman Platt Fitch received a lieutenant's commission, Aug. 15, 1843.

#### FITCH-BELDEN DESCENT.

Hannah, born, Sept. 15, 1776, oldest daughter of Timothy and Esther (Platt) Fitch, and grand-daughter of Gov. Thomas and Hannah (Hall) Fitch, was a widely related young woman. Her home was opposite the 1896 Strawberry Hill residence of the late Walter T. Gray, on the east side of the street. Her aunt Susanna (Mrs. Daniel Hanford) lived next door south of her father's home, in the door-yard which is shown to-day, and which was long occupied by her second cousin, the late Joseph Platt Hanford<sup>2d</sup>. Her aunt Elizabeth (Mrs. Samuel Fitch<sup>2d</sup>) lived on the fine Chestnut Hill elevation, a home often visited by Mrs. Samuel Fitch's sister-in-law, Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers. Her aunt's Mary (Mrs. Jedediah Hanford) and Ann (Mrs. Stephen Thatcher) and Hannah (Mrs.) Avery, completed the children of her Yale grandfather, Jos. Platt<sup>2d</sup>. Hannah Fitch descended directly from John Platt<sup>1st</sup> on her mother's side and from Thomas Fitch<sup>1st</sup> on her father's side. She married, as his second wife, Capt. Azor Belden<sup>2d</sup> of Wilton, and removed from Norwalk to the premises, fair to behold to-day, the handsome valley near Cannons station in the town of Wilton, through which beautifully winds the Norwalk River. Her husband was the son of Azor Belden<sup>1st</sup>, who was the son of William<sup>1st</sup> and Margaret (Arms) Belden, the first of the Belden name who settled in Wilton. William Belden<sup>1st</sup> was the son of Daniel Belden of Deerfield and the nephew of the brothers, John<sup>1st</sup> and Samuel Belden<sup>1st</sup>, who were the ear-

*Tombstone inscription - Hannah Belden*





liest of all the Belden family to come to Norwalk. John Belden <sup>1st</sup> was the grandfather of the John Belden who married Rebecca Bartlett, which Rebecca Belden's daughter, Mary Esther, became the wife of William St. John, who lived on the site of the present north corner of Morgan and East Avenue.<sup>1</sup> The children of Azor <sup>2d</sup> and Hannah (Fitch) Belden were George F. and Platt Belden. Platt Belden has no Norwalk descent; for children of George F., see "Gov. Fitch Norwalk 1896 Blood" topic.

A MATTHEW FITCH <sup>1st</sup>. DESCENT.

- Gen. I.—Thomas Fitch <sup>1st</sup>.  
 " II.—John <sup>1st</sup> and Rebecca (Lindall) Fitch.  
 " III.—John <sup>2d</sup> and Lydia (Bushnell) Fitch.  
 " IV.—Matthew Fitch <sup>1st</sup>.

Matthew Fitch <sup>1st</sup>, born, May 1708 (died April 16, 1779) was twice married. His first wife was Jemima, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Comstock) St. John, Ebenezer St. John was the son of Matthias St. John <sup>2d</sup> and the grandson of the pioneer Matthias St. John, Sr. Mrs. Ebenezer St. John was the daughter of Christopher Comstock the settler. The fruit of this St. John-Comstock alliance was three sons and one daughter, which last married Matthew Fitch <sup>1st</sup>. To Matthew and Jemima Fitch was born, at Christmas-tide, 1735, a daughter, called for her mother, Jemima. Shortly after Jemima's birth her mother died, and the little one was within a few days of three years old when she became a step-daughter, her father having married, second, Dec. 7, 1738, Lydia, daughter of Nathan, a grandson of Richard Olmsted, Sr. and Norwalk settler. There was a large Fitch family by this second marriage of Matthew Fitch <sup>1st</sup>. The children were:

Nathan; born, Oct. 12, 1739.

Mercy; born, Dec. 29, 1740.

Hannah; born, Aug. 24, 1742.

Matthew <sup>2d</sup>; born, June 17, 1744.

Lydia; born, April 4, 1746.

Rebecca; born, July 9, 1748.

Susanna; born, Aug. 29, 1750.

Abijah.

<sup>1</sup>In the center of the ancient meadow, now traversed from west towards the east by the Morgan Avenue of 1896, stood, before the Revolutionary War, a house that sheltered several of this country's remarkable ancestors and ancestresses. One of that hearthstone's descendants, Grace Ingersoll, had captivated the French court, and even were she the cause, as she most undesignedly was, of an ungracious remark on the part of the Emperor Napoleon, yet she possessed bewitching influence at the gay European capital. Grace Babcock was another descendant of the old meadow home alluded to. She was handsome and accomplished and Lord Howe fixed his headquarters under the very roof of the Babcock house on the east bank of the lower Hudson. This Norwalk girl was now a widow and because of her fascinations the English Col. Gist urged his suit for her hand. Mrs.

Babcock dismissed him on the very evening of the musketry-discharge announcement that her attractive home was under siege. Another descendant of the home-lot has been a Connecticut governor, while another sleeps beneath the church chancel in Branford, east of New Haven. In the particular of notable association the unpretentious last century structure in the southeast lot at the foot of the Norwalk "Green" had perhaps no rival. The last night of that dwelling's occupancy was that of Friday, July 9, 1779. Before the next night's light in the west had died out its final occupants, William and Esther (Belden) St. John, who had been married about eighteen months, had probably hastened away because of the British landing at Calf Pasture. The house was burned on Sunday morning, July 11, 1779, and Mr. St. John built in the same lot, further north and nearer the street.



Nathan<sup>1st</sup>, son of Matthew<sup>1st</sup> and Lydia (Olmsted) Fitch, married, first, Jan. 8, 1760-1, Mehitable, daughter of Benajah and Dinah Hoyt, and had:

Nathan<sup>2d</sup>; baptized, July 5, 1761.

Jemima; baptized, March 27, 1763.

Asahel<sup>1st</sup>; baptized, Feb. 11, 1765. Presumably sick at time of baptism.

Nathan Fitch<sup>1st</sup>, married, second, March 7, 1769, Mary Reed, and had:

Asahel<sup>2d</sup>; baptized, July 12, 1772, married, Martha Denison.

Rebecca; baptized, Oct. 7, 1773, married, Hezekiah Middlebrook.

Mercy; baptized, June 4, 1775, married, Adam Swan.

William; baptized, Feb. 2, 1777.

Lydia; baptized, Feb. 2, 1777.

Polly; baptized, Dec. 12, 1793, married, Amos Denison.

Anne; baptized, May 13, 1795.

Most of the children of Nathan Fitch<sup>1st</sup> were born in New Canaan, and it is an added credit to that goodly-ancestral and rare-ridged, handsome and healthful old town that its children, largely, have brought no reflection on their birth-place. Asahel Fitch<sup>2d</sup>, named for a deceased young brother, left New Canaan with his family at the time of its removal (see note) to New York state and married, as did his sister Polly, into a household which numbered among its heads, Major John Mason of colonial eminence, and which the pen of Chancellor Reuben Hyde Walworth has been successfully employed in registering

'In the peaceful "Canaan parish" home of Nathan<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Fitch, a daughter, Mercy, was born, at the Bunker Hill period, who was destined to become the mother of a line of illustriously descended children. Nathan<sup>1st</sup> was third cousin of Gov. Thos. Fitch. The Governor's son, Ebenezer, born in 1729, had married in Greenwich, and his father, in 1758, gave him a home on Chestnut Hill, in what is now the town of Wilton. In this town Ebenezer<sup>1st</sup> died, in 1762, leaving his widow (*nee* Lydia Mills of Greenwich) and three sons, Jabez, Ebenezer<sup>2d</sup>, and Giles, who were distant cousins of Nathan Fitch<sup>1st</sup>. The widow and her son, Ebenezer<sup>2d</sup>, from (now) Wilton, and Nathan<sup>1st</sup> and his family, from (now) New Canaan, emigrated, the same year (1785) to a portion of the Saratoga, N. Y., district, called Greenfield. It was within a short distance (some three miles) of the famed "Congress Spring" which at that time was beginning to attract attention. Here, two years after the New Canaan and Wilton Fitch arrival, was born, (Sept. 9, 1787) in the family of the Wilton branch, a child, Hannah, daughter of Ebenezer<sup>2d</sup>, who, at the age of twenty-five, was to marry into the Saratoga Bullard family, and be planted in a home on the edge of the Sparkling Saratoga Lake. She was the mother of Gen. Edward Fitch Bullard of the Civil War of

nearly forty years ago. From the New Canaan Fitch branch proceeded Mercy Fitch, (a dozen or so years older than her cousin-remote Hannah) who, some six years after the family's Connecticut departure, married (Dec. 29, 1791) Adam Swan, who, through the Stonington, Conn., Swan's and Gallup's, was of imperial descent, several crowned heads (see note, page 104) having been among his ancestors. Adam Swan and Rev. Roswell R. Swan, (1807) both of Norwalk and both originally of Stonington, may, possibly, have been from this same family. The tomb, on Town House Hill, of Rev. Mr. Swan has, within a few years past, been put in order by an eastern member of the family. Its occupant, who was born in Stonington the year that Norwalk was burned, came hither at twenty-nine years of age and spent his ministerial life of a dozen years with the Norwalk people. He was much beloved and died (in the Geo. W. Hunter East Avenue house) in comparative youth. Adam Swan, who married Mercy Fitch of New Canaan, was a Stonington youth also. His parents were Joshua and Martha (Denison) Swan. Joshua Swan was the son of John Swan, Jr. and Lucy Denison, which John Jr. was a son of John Swan, who was a son of Robert, who was a son of Richard Swan, the Boston 1638 colonist.





the membership of. Of Mercy, third daughter of Nathan Fitch<sup>1st</sup>, and who took her name, in all probability, from her aunt, who was the niece and most likely namesake of Mercy, wife of Moses St. John, it is sufficient to say that her children could scarcely, on their father's side, be more conspicuously descended. She married, Dec. 29, 1791, Adam Swan, (see foot note, page 104) born, June 28, 1768, and through "Capt. John Gallup" of Stonington, of royal descent. The children of several king's (including the Emperor Charlemagne) blood, of this Norwalk-Canaan Fitch daughter, were:

Maria; born, April 25, 1793, married Chester Stebbins.

John<sup>1st</sup>; born, March 24, 1795, died in infancy.

John<sup>2d</sup>; born, July 25, 1796, died, Sept. 26, 1859, unmarried.

Adam; born, May 13, 1799, died, June 9, 1861, unmarried.

Henry; born, Sept. 12, 1802, married, Maria Mills; died, Aug. 3, 1867.

Cynthia; born, April 25, 1805, married, John Williams; died, Oct. 9, 1881.

Nathan Fitch; born, June 1, 1808, married, Juliette Smith; died, Oct. 12, 1875;

had: Hattie M., who married Charles F. Cadle of Muscatine, Iowa, 1896.

Erasmus D.; born, Oct. 8, 1810, died, July 10, 1878.

Mercy Ann.; born, Feb. 10, 1813; died, Dec. 8, 1877, unmarried.

DeWitt C.; born, May, 14, 1817, died, 1879, unmarried.

Roswell N.; born, April 6, 1820, died, June 9, 1864, unmarried.

Adam Swan died in 1835, and his wife, Mrs. Mercy Fitch Swan, June 28, 1850.

Asahel Fitch<sup>2d</sup> of Canaan parish, son of Nathan<sup>1st</sup>, married, in 1793, Martha, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Smith) Denison. They took up their residence in Cayuga County, N. Y., and had:

William Reed; born, Oct. 10, 1794, married, Aurelia Dunning.

Alvah; born, June 7, 1797, married, L. U. Morse.

Charles D.; born, April, 5, 1800, married Flo' Smith.

Cynthia; born, Oct. 27, 1802, married Eli Smith.

Matthew Fitch<sup>2d</sup>, born, June 17, 1744, son of Matthew<sup>1st</sup> and Lydia (Olmsted) Fitch, and next brother to Nathan<sup>1st</sup>, married, Dec. 27, 1770, a Reed, and had five sons (Matthew<sup>3d</sup>, Samuel, Enoch, Simeon, Silas) and three daughters, viz: Esther, who married Ansel Ford; Sarah, who married, first, a Vandever, and second, a Champlain; and Elizabeth, who married a Graves. From Matthew Fitch<sup>2d</sup>, through his son Silas, born, Jan. 28, 1773, who married, Sept. 7, 1795, Clarissa, born, Jan. 4, 1774, daughter of Isaac and Abigail Howell, has descended his great grandson, Theodore Fitch, born, March 30, 1844, who married, Feb. 4, 1869, a daughter of Rev. Samuel Goodrich and Grace Ingersoll (Hawley) Coe. Mrs. Theodore Fitch is a cousin of Mrs. George B. St. John (1896) of Norwalk.



## FITCH-WHITNEY MENTION.

Hon. Samuel Fitch<sup>1st</sup> had (see page 175) seven children. Of these, Daniel, one of three sons, married Rebecca, daughter of Samuel Marvin<sup>2d</sup> (son of Samuel<sup>1st</sup>, who was son of Matthew<sup>2d</sup>, who was son of Matthew Marvin<sup>1st</sup>). Daniel and Rebecca Fitch had the same number of sons as had Samuel Fitch<sup>1st</sup>, their father) Samuel, Henry and Jonathan. The three brothers resided, the first in what is now known as the Gov. Fitch house, the second about where the present Myrtle Avenue opens into East Avenue, and the third in the house, built by himself, and occupied, in 1896, by Oscar W. Raymond of East Norwalk. Henry, the middle named brother, born, Jan. 29, 1773, married, July 19, 1796, Abby, born, June 8, 1775, daughter of Ebenezer and Ruth (Raymond) Whitney. Mrs. Henry Fitch's mother was a daughter of the patriot Simeon Raymond of "Old Well," and her father (a mariner) was the son of David Whitney who was proprietor of the Silvermine Whitney Mill," which David was the second son of the first (recorded) vestryman of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, Hezekiah Whitney (son of Joseph, who was son of John, who was son of Henry Whitney, the settler). The brother of Abby (Mrs. Henry Fitch) was Eben Whitney, for many years the well recalled silversmith of New York. To leave a watch to be repaired at Eben Whitney's Pearl Street store, or to purchase an article from his shelves was to be dealt by as agreed upon. He was a faithful man and closed an honored city and country life (in Norwalk) May 22, 1869. Henry and Abby Fitch had seven children. Daniel, their oldest son, born April 2, 1799, a man of solid integrity, married, Sept. 15, 1822, Sarah, daughter of Zechariah Whitman and Sarah Fitch. He lived on the old Marvins property at the foot of Strawberry Hill, where the ancient "Fairfield path" rounded, coming from the east, into the Fort Point path. His house is still standing at the head of Fitch Street. The children of Daniel and Sarah Fitch (barring two who died early) were:

Henry W.; married Mary Dykeman, had: Charles H. and Birdena.

Sarah Elizabeth; unmarried.

Edwin W.; married Almira Nickerson, had Mary E., who married Lewis Hanford.

Rebecca E.; unmarried.

Nancy E.; married Dan. L. Hanford of North Salem, N. Y., had: Edwin W., Jas.

L., Frank H., George W.

D. Warren; married Sarah, daughter of James and Sally Percival; had, Florence.

George W.; married Frances Beardsley; had, daughter, Lulu.

## GOV. FITCH NORWALK, 1896, BLOOD.

Several of Gov. Fitch's children (see page 208) were Norwalk non-married and non-resident; which fact numerically narrows this town's descent from His Colonial Exclency, whose children Thos., Mary and Timothy (mainly Timothy) transmitted the local gubernatorial blood, the following allusion to which fittingly finishes this Home-Lot record.

Hannah, oldest daughter of Timothy<sup>1st</sup> and Esther (Platt) Fitch, was the second wife



of Capt. Azor Belden<sup>2d</sup> of Wilton. Through this marriage there was a Norwalk grandson, George F. Belden<sup>2d</sup>, (son of George F.<sup>1st</sup>, and brother of Henry H., and nephew of Platt Belden) who married Louisa, daughter of William and Lucinda Cornwall, and had, Charles Fred'k, George Wm., Robert Henry, Thos. Fitch and Catharine J. (Mrs. Edson K. St. John.) Of these sons of George F.<sup>2d</sup> and Louisa Belden, Charles Frederick, married Frances Marsden, (no children); George William, married Katharine Loomis, (had, Arthur, Louisa, Henry, Frederick); Robert Henry, is unmarried, and Thomas Fitch, married, first, June 14, 1888, Elinor Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew Perry, (had, Ward P.; George F.) and married, second, Mamie Josephine, daughter of John McDonnell (had, Florence.)

Mrs. Samuel Marvin Fitch<sup>1st</sup>. (Esther, daughter of Timothy and Esther (Platt) Fitch) married her third cousin. He was the grandson of Gov. Fitch's brother Samuel, and she was the Governor's grand-daughter. She, like her sister Sarah, (Mrs. Jabez Raymond) possessed virtues which were the natural outcome of a benevolent disposition and was an interesting woman. Her home beneath the "Governor Fitch Tree" (her husband bought the Governor's property) was a fond habitation. Their children were:

Betsey; married (second wife) David Roberts; no children.

Edward;

Samuel Marvin<sup>2d</sup> born, Sept. 18, 1800.

Mrs. Jabez Raymond (Sarah, daughter of Timothy and Esther (Platt) Fitch) was a genuinely "whole" character, the charm of whose hearthstone was cordiality rather than conventionality. She was social and well knowing what good things were and how to make things such, her hospitable table, fifty or sixty years ago, spread with substantials and supplied with golden butter and snow-light and almost snow-white bread, was irresistible. Her husband was of true Raymond stock. He attended to the farm and left household matters to the direction of his capable wife. The children were:

George A.; married, Huldah Finch; no issue.

Platt F.; married, Huldah Ann, daughter of Hezekiah and Emma (Meeker) Smith.

Mary Esther; died, 1881, unmarried.

Edward, son of Samuel Marvin<sup>1st</sup> and Esther (Fitch) Fitch, married, first, Sarah, daughter of David and Tamar (Gedding) Roberts, and had:

Edson; married, Mary Ann Bowen; no children.

Elizabeth; married, as his second wife, James Bowen, had: Bessie, died young;

Jessie Fitch, unmarried. James, died in infancy.

Thomas; died unmarried.

George (Hon.); married Helen Porter, had: Joseph; Esther, died in infancy.

Edward Fitch (son of Samuel Marvin<sup>1st</sup> and Esther) married, second, Julia Silliman,





daughter of Hezekiah and Emma (Meeker) Smith, and had, Sarah, who, in 1896, occupies the Governor Fitch home.

As George, son of Jabez and Sarah (Fitch) Raymond, had no children, and as his sister Mary E. was unmarried, it follows that Jabez F., only child of Platt F. and Huldah A. Raymond, and the children of said Jabez F. are the only lineal descendants of Gov. Fitch through his grand-daughter Sarah, daughter of his son Timothy. The Jabez Fitch Raymond here referred to (son of Platt F. and Huldah A. Raymond) married, first, Sarah, daughter of Franklin and Mary Peck, and had no children. He married, second, May 31, 1887, Augusta Sophia, daughter of Augustus and Maria (Skeels) Peck of New Haven, and had :

Augusta ; born and died, March 7, 1888.      Richard Platt ; born, Oct. 11, 1892.  
Eugene Fitch ; born, July 14, 1889.      Theodora ; born, April 27, 1897.

Samuel Marvin<sup>2d</sup>, son of Samuel Marvin<sup>1st</sup> and Esther (Fitch) Fitch, married, Nov. 23, 1828, Mary, born, Mar. 29, 1808, daughter of Paul and Nancy Coffin of Nantucket ; had :

Henry ; b. Sept. 29, 1829, died young.      Rebecca I. ; born, Oct. 6, 1832.  
Henry R. ; born, Aug. 20, 1830.      Emily F.<sup>1st</sup> ; b. Sept. 9, 1834, d. young.  
Emily Fitch<sup>2d</sup> ; born, Jan. 25, 1838, married, first, William, son of John Mallory of Norwalk, no issue ; married, second, (Sept. 20, 1862) as his second wife, Henry D. Carroll of Springfield, Mass. She died, Nov. 24, 1866, leaving one son, Charles H. Carroll, born, April 17, 1864.

William E. ; born, July 18, 1849, married, first, Nov. 14, 1873, Sarah Long, and had one child, George, born, Jan. 26, 1875. The mother died, Feb. 3, 1875, and her husband married, second, Oct. 1876, Agnes McQuhae.

Charles<sup>1st</sup>, son of Timothy<sup>1st</sup> and Esther (Platt) Fitch, married Sally Nash, and had :

Sally Ann ; born, April 27, 1815.  
Betsey ; married, Jacob Scribner of Wilton, had, Ann, Harriet, Emma.  
Timothy B ; born, May 6, 1821, married, Oct. 6, 1844, Anna E. Stevens of North Stamford ; no children.  
William ; died young and unmarried.

Henry R., son of Samuel M.<sup>2d</sup> and Mary (Coffin) Fitch, married, first, Oct. 1854, Eliza, daughter of John and Betsey (Hoyt) Knapp. No issue. He married, second, Frances E., born July 6, 1838, daughter of Ebenezer and Esther Weed of Darien, and had :

Charles M. ; born, April 3, 1863.      Unmarried.  
Mary Bell ; born, Jan. 19, 1867.      Unmarried.  
Elbirt W. ; born, June 15, 1869.      Unmarried.

Rebecca I, daughter of Samuel M.<sup>2d</sup> and Mary (Coffin) Fitch, married, Sept. 18, 1854, Burr, son of John and Betsey (Hoyt) Knapp, and had :

Frederick Marvin ; born, June 27, 1856.      Unmarried.



Emily Fitch; born, April 9, 1858. Unmarried.

Edward Fitch; born, July 5, 1860. Married, Nov. 28, 1885, Nellie, daughter of James and Ellen W. Cotter; had Edwina, born, Nov. 28, 1886.

Mary Elizabeth; born, Aug. 9, 1862; married, Sept. 22, 1887, Herbert Matthewson. No children.

William Henry; born, Feb. 10, 1867; unmarried.

Henry Burr; born, Aug. 21, 1879; unmarried.

Burr Knapp died Aug. 26, 1881.

Sally Ann; daughter of Charles<sup>1st</sup> and Sally (Nash) Fitch, married, Charles, born, March 18, 1809, son of Charles Fox of Wilton, and had:

Ann E.; born, Oct. 4, 1834, died, Aug. 20, 1841. Clarissa; born, Oct. 15, 1835, died, Sept. 25, 1836. Jeanette; born, Oct. 31, 1836. Charles; born, May 20, 1838. Edwin; born, Aug. 18, 1839. George A.; born, Sept. 4, 1840, died, Sept. 14, 1869. Ann Elizabeth; born, Feb. 4, 1842, died, Sept. 21, 1842. William H.; born, Feb. 21, 1843, died, July 7, 1869. Theodore; born, May 22, 1845, died, Jan. 11, 1896. Harriet A.; born, Jan. 9, 1849, died, March 1, 1851.

Jeanette, daughter of Charles and Sally Ann (Fitch) Fox, married, April 9, 1856, Samuel B., son of Daniel and Nancy (Raymond) Sherwood of Greenwich, and had:

Frank Fitch; born, Feb. 20, 1857, married, Dec. 1885, Annie Coughlin of Brooklyn; had, Frank C., born, Nov. 24, 1886.

Sarah E.; born, April 11, 1860, married, Dec. 24, 1879, Theodore K. Purdy; had, Harry, born, Feb. 10, 1880.

Charles Fox<sup>2d</sup>, oldest son of Charles<sup>1st</sup> and Sally Ann (Fitch) Fox, married Cornelia Kidney, and had:

Cornelia Isabel; (married, Chas. L. Wood of Stamford, had: Maud, born, 1886; Lester, born, 1889); Charles<sup>4th</sup>, deceased; Kate, unmarried; Lucy, died in infancy; George, died in infancy; Bertha, died young.

Edwin Fox, son of Charles<sup>1st</sup> and Sally Ann (Fitch) Fox, married, June 11, 1863, Harriet Kidney, and had: Harriet, deceased; Florence, married, William Arrance, (had one child, living in Jersey City.)

Theodore Fox married, Nov. 27, 1867, Anna A. Provost, and had:

Farnham C.; born, Jan. 1869, of Bridgeport, Conn.

Albert Lester; born, June 1877.

It will possibly be observed that reference to claimed-Fitch-baronial-connection has been refrained from in the foregoing Home-Lot XII description. The author does not ignore the claim, but has chosen the rather to fill the designated description-space with the registration of the Norwalk Fitch family facts. The Fitch descendants comprise a great company, and the important household has notice in different portions of this work.





## HOME-LOT XIII.

NATHANIEL ELY.

THOMAS BETTS, Sr.

CHRISTOPHER COMSTOCK.

The two oldest public thoroughfares in Norwalk (naming them in their probable order of construction) were, paradoxical as the order may seem (see page 34), "The Other Highway" and "The Towne Highway." The first of these "ways" was, as is elsewhere in this work intimated, marked out by, it is to be presumed, the Stamford settlers in their pre-Norwalk pilgrimages between Fairfield and New Haven. Nathaniel Ely of Cambridge, in 1632, a resident in 1635 of Hartford and an Hartford official in 1637, but afterward a Norwalk constituent, constable and a committeeman to set the Golden Hill boundaries of Nimrod and other Pequonnock (now Bridgeport) Indian lands,<sup>1</sup> had allotted to him the eligible home-site bounded by the "Other Highway and the Town Highway," or at the northwest corner of the present East avenue and Fitch street. From the old world Mr. Ely proceeded to Cambridge and Hartford from which latter place he came, in 1650, to Norwalk, having been one of the "Ludlow agreement" signers. Whether he bore any kinship to Samuel Ely (see page 78) or to Richard Ely,<sup>2</sup> is not ascertained. He

<sup>1</sup>About 1657-9 large numbers of the Shore Indians removed northward from the Sound into the country, so that there remained only about one hundred wigwams on "Gold," now Golden Hill, Bridgeport. A wigwam is said to have represented some six souls, and if so, it follows that in the neighborhood of six hundred red men were left in the vicinity of "Pequonnock" to be cared for. The General Court, consequently, in 1659, ordered that this remnant should occupy the height in question, and, for some reason, constituted a committee of Norwalk men to carry out its order. The Court selected four of this town's staunchest settlers, viz.: Matthew Campfield, Thomas Fitch, Richard Olmsted and Nathaniel Ely, to mark out eighty acres of the elevation referred to and return a report of their doings during the ensuing autumn. The committee did so, signing the document thus: "Narwoke, Nov. 2, 1660." After report made the Indians proceeded, forthwith, to occupy the premises.

<sup>2</sup>Of Lyme, and thought to have been the progenitor of the late Dudley P. Ely, one of the sagacious and successful citizens of the present city of South Norwalk. On May-day, 1861, Mr. Ely took up his residence in the thriving section of the Norwalk township known formerly as "Old Well" but latterly as South Norwalk, and such was his influence that when the village had grown into the municipality he was the chosen candidate for the first mayoralty. His brother, Nathan C., was also a Norwalk resident, the two having been the last representatives of their

generation of the family. Mrs. Dudley P. Ely was a daughter of Judge J. O. Phelps, of Simsbury, Conn. The late Hon. Jon. E. Wheeler, of the extensive Wheeler manufactory, of Westport, married Harriet P., the oldest daughter of D. P. Ely. She died in the spring of 1868, leaving one child, Harry E., who died the following fall. Mrs. Wheeler's sisters—she had no brothers—were Charlotte, died unmarried; Mary E. (Mrs. Millard); Augusta A. (Mrs. Gen. Russell Frost); Dudline (Mrs. Charles T. Raymond). Mr. Wheeler married, second, Mrs. Henrietta V. Ellis, of New York city, by which union there were no children. He died Feb. 7, 1886. With his brother Elonzo S. he came, in the spring of 1860, from Central Conn., to Westport, and purchasing the already standing Saugatuck brick building from Gershom B. Bradley, there founded, under the firm name of E. S. Wheeler and Co., an important manufacturing plant. Mr. E. S. Wheeler is still living and is president of the establishment which in 1896 is known as the Saugatuck Manufacturing Company. The two brothers, Hon. Jon. E., and Elonzo S. Wheeler resided in adjoining homes on the banks of the Saugatuck and a little north of the ancient "Rocky Neck." E. S. Wheeler married Caroline Smith, of Naugatuck, Conn., and had Robinson H., Clarence L., Kate W., Bertha C. (Mrs. John Hazelton) and Elonzo Sterne, who married Elsie, daughter of Thos. R. Lees, of Westport. Robinson H., son of E. S. and Caroline Wheeler, married, first, Sarah F., daughter of Burr Smith, Saugatuck, and had Robinson L. and Caro-



was a delegate in 1656 to the Conn. General Assembly, but he retained his Norwalk lot transiently, parting with it in 1660 to Thomas Betts, Sr., at about which time he removed to Springfield, Mass., and had no after permanent appearance in Norwalk.<sup>1</sup>

THOMAS BETTS, Sr., (Second Occupant.)

This ancestor of a long descendant-line was born in England in 1615-16. He was enrolled (seventeenth in number) on the Guilford, Conn., settlers-register. , Accompanied by his wife Mary he came to Norwalk in about 1660. Mrs. Mary Betts may possibly have been married before her Betts union, as in the will of Thos. Betts, Sr., executed May 10, 1688, he refers to "her children." The Betts estate was appraised Dec. 4, 1688. The children of Thos.<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Betts were:

Mary, born 1646; married John Raymond.<sup>1st</sup>

Thomas,<sup>2d</sup> born June 3, 1650; married Sarah Marvin.

Hannah, born Nov. 22, 1652; married Samuel Camp.

John,<sup>1st</sup> born May 10, 1653; married twice.

Stephen, born Oct. 4, 1657; died young.

Daniel, born Oct. 4, 1657; married Deborah Taylor.

Samuel, born April 4, 1660; married Judith Reynolds.

James, born 1663; married Hannah Bouton.

Sarah; married Joseph St. John.<sup>1st</sup>

The curtain rises and the brothers and sisters above tabulated take their places upon the Betts stage. Of the daughters of the notable group Mary, the oldest, was the

line M., who died young, and Edith M., Charles E., Sarah H., and the twins, Harry and Herbert, both of whom died in infancy. Mrs. R. H. Wheeler died Feb. 24, 1877, and her husband married, second, Helen, daughter of Capt. Francis Sherwood, of Greens Farms. Clarence L., son of E. S. and Caroline Wheeler, a Norwalk school youth of some years since, is married and lives in Marion, Ind.

He was alive in 1675 and seems, by a Norwalk record of that date, to have had still an open account with Thomas Betts, Sr., to whom he sold his home estate. One of his last Norwalk performed deeds was to secure assistance, in 1657, to "raise the meeting house." This was doubtless the first framed place of worship in Norwalk. The pioneers' original sanctuary was, probably, a log structure, floored and roofed, but hastily constructed and unfurnished and uncomfortable. Its site and the site of the building of 1657 (see page 38) were the same, and it served only a tentative purpose. Matthew Marvin, Sr., Samuel Hales and Isaac More were constituted by the proprietors, a committee to see that the frame of this first permanent structure (probably the old

structure enlarged) was properly put in place. They were instructed to provide a luncheon "with a barrel of good beans" for "the helps" on that occasion. They, it is believed, lined the building with the street and most likely entered it from the south. It is inferred that for prudence sake there were no windows in the east end, and, for the same reason, no door, possibly. Soon after his mission in relation to the meeting house was accomplished Mr. Ely vacated his Norwalk home, leaving the "Ely's Neck" of 1896, which was called for him, to perpetuate his name. Ely's Neck was the earliest designation of the Norwalk southwestern coast-adjacent land, a good portion of which was subsequently called "Belden's Neck." It was approached by what is now known as the "Ely Neck road." To the east of the "Neck" there put up a small salt water estuary as far inland as the ancient "Stuart Landing," the neighborhood of which locality came, in time, to be denominated "the village." There seem to have been pottery works in the vicinity, and there was, unquestionably, at high tide, water communication thereat with outside ports.



foremother of the Norwalk Raymonds, Hannah of the Norwalk Camps and Sarah of many of the St. Johns and Lockwoods. From the sons sprang the long roll of those of Betts name, who by their faithful discharge of public and private responsibilities, have proven a valuable Norwalk constituency. Mary was about seventeen when the family came from Guilford, which household had here resided for a short time when there arrived with his father to the new plantation a Saybrook young man, John, son of Richard Raymond, who married the said Mary on Dec. 10, 1664. The elder Raymond (Richard) tarried only about two years in Norwalk and left his house and estate to be occupied and managed by his son and daughter-in-law, who there brought up their sons John, Samuel and Thomas Raymond and the boys' sister Hannah. Thomas, the second Betts child, married Sarah, daughter of Matthew<sup>2d</sup> and Mary Marvin, six months before the groom had reached his thirtieth birthday. The parents of Thomas and Sarah Marvin Betts were close neighbors, and the union, Jan. 13, 1680, was that of two good families. They had six children, viz., Thomas,<sup>3d</sup> John, Sarah, Matthew, Mary and Elizabeth.

Hannah, daughter of Thomas<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Betts, married Samuel, believed to have been the son of Nicholas Camp, of Milford. Samuel and Hannah (Betts) Camp had a son, Samuel,<sup>2d</sup> born about 1674, who married Mary Baldwin, of Milford. These last had a son, Jonathan, born 1702, who married Ann, born 1710, daughter of Richard and Hester (Buckingham) Platt, of Milford. Jonathan and Ann (Platt) Camp had Jonathan,<sup>2d</sup> Richard, Abraham, Isaac, Sarah, Esther and Mary Camp. From the four sons of Jonathan and Ann Camp have descended the Norwalk Camps of to-day.<sup>1</sup> Of the sisters, Mary probably died unmarried and Sarah and Esther, marrying in Newtown and Milford, had no Norwalk residence. *changed to "Mary married Phineas Keeler"*

Sarah, youngest daughter of Thomas<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Betts, married, March 15, 1696, Joseph, son of Mark and Elizabeth (Stanley) St. John, and from hence widened out a descendant line of vast breadth. Mrs. St. John died at the close of 1731 and left one son, Joseph,<sup>2d</sup> and three daughters, Sarah, Mary (Mrs. John Eversley<sup>1st</sup>) and Elizabeth (Mrs. Isaac Scudder). Mark St. John (father of Joseph) bequeathed his home lot to his son Joseph, where the said son probably brought up his children. Joseph,<sup>2d</sup> son of Joseph,<sup>1st</sup> married Susannah Selleck and survived his father about twenty-five years. The children of Joseph St. John<sup>3d</sup> were Stephen (Col. Stephen), Hooker, William, Buckingham, Sarah and Susannah (Mrs. Eliphalet Lockwood.)

#### THE SONS OF THOMAS<sup>1st</sup> AND MARY BETTS.

The brothers Thos., John, Stephen, James, Samuel and Daniel Betts were sons of Thos.<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Betts, of Guilford, and afterwards of Norwalk. The boys' sisters, as has been seen, were Mary, Hannah and Sarah. It was a worthy hearthstone, and the

<sup>1</sup>Alfred H. Camp, of Norwalk, 1896, is from the Durham, Conn., Camp branch. There was some-

thing of a Camp settlement in the interior of the State of Connecticut.









of Eliphalet Lockwood, the oldest child of which John and Damaris Betts was Thaddeus (Dr. Thaddeus) born May 3, 1724. James, son of Thomas<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Betts, married Hannah, born 1675, daughter of John<sup>1st</sup> and Mary (Stevenson) Bouton. Their son, Elias, born Aug. 10, 1716, married, March 7, 1745. Abigail, born July 10, 1721, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Lambert<sup>1</sup>) Birchard. These had nine sons and three daughters. Their son, Moses, was born April 5, 1751, and baptized nine days afterward. Said Moses was married March 7, 1776, to Ann, daughter of Gershom and Mary (Taylor) Sturges, and had a daughter, Sarah, born Dec. 22, 1777, who married, Jan. 1797, Stephen,<sup>4th</sup> son of Stephen<sup>3d</sup> and Sarah (Platt) St. John.

Samuel, son of Thos.<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Betts, married Dec. 10, 1692, Judith, daughter of John Reynolds. These had six children, Mary (Mrs. Richard Olmsted), Samuel<sup>2nd</sup>, Stephen, Nathan, Hepzibah (Mrs. Solomon Nobles) and Judith.

Daniel, son of Thos.<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Betts, married 1692, Deborah,<sup>2</sup> daughter of Thos. and Rebecca Taylor, and had Deborah, Rebecca, Daniel and perhaps Hannah.

<sup>1</sup>Elizabeth Lambert was the seventh child of Jesse and Deborah (Fowler) Lambert, of ancient Woodbury. Her sister, Sarah, married John Dunning and settled in Norwalk. Her brother David, who married in Rhode Island, founded the Wilton Lambert house. The children had a stepmother but their own mother was a granddaughter of Magistrate William Fowler, of Milford, and the builder of "the first mill in the colony." Said William Fowler (says Pond) "held the three important positions of Trustee, Pillar of the Church, and Judge." The Lambert name is very ancient. Jesse, the parent of the Norwalk (Wilton parish) Lamberts, was, quoting Cothren, according to tradition, a British naval officer who, before coming to America, had headed a successful engagement against the Turks. His three Norwalk children, Sarah, Elizabeth and David, planted homes of note in this town. The original "Lambert house" (as is supposed) stands to-day on the "Norwalk and Danbury road," towards a mile south of the Wilton railway station. This house, which has latterly been devoted to educational use, was probably built about the date of the marriage (Feb. 1, 1726-7) of David Lambert<sup>1st</sup> to Laurana Bill. The son, David,<sup>2d</sup> of David<sup>1st</sup> and Laurana Lambert, married Susannah, daughter of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Fitch) Rogers, of Norwalk. The newly married couple lived in comfort-elegance at the Wilton home. The union, on both sides, was a noticeable one, and the house gained a reputation for hospitality. The father of Mrs. David Lambert<sup>2d</sup> died in 1760, but her mother attained long life. This mother, Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers, made her home with her daughter Esther (Mrs. Archibald Gracie), of New York, but her country visits to her daughter Susannah (Mrs. David Lambert) were of compara-

tively frequent occurrence. Such visits appear to have been sort of "state occasions." The mother and daughter handsomely attended and in striking "style," took hill and dale drives over the country, and when their heavy coach wheels' rumbling was heard, people were drawn to the windows. The old care-taker of the country home of their son and brother, Moses Rogers, of Shippan Point, lives to-day, at one hundred years of age, to tell of Mr. Rogers' Stamford "splendid black team," also.

<sup>2</sup>Deborah Taylor was married to Daniel Betts at the age of twenty-one, and she lived to reach four score years. Her family was, mostly, long lived. Of her brothers, Thomas was 92 when he died, Joseph 90, John 70, Daniel 94, Timothy 56, Nathan 100, and Theophilus 90. She had two sisters, Rebecca, who lived 98 years and Eunice 90 years. Her father was Thos.<sup>1st</sup> son of John Taylor<sup>1st</sup> of Windsor, and her mother was Rebecca, daughter of Edward Ketchum of Stratford. Thos. Taylor<sup>1st</sup> came early to Norwalk and was married about 1667. He was one of the Norwalk fathers who, in 1685, settled Danbury, and was uncle of Lieut. John Taylor who, with his wife, Wait Clapp, lived in what is now Westport, and there founded a large branch of the Taylor family. Daniel Betts was fourteen years older than his wife, and survived her some seven years. His daughter Rebecca married Samuel Gruman, or Grumman, who came from Fairfield and founded the Norwalk Gruman family. His son, Daniel Betts, Jr., born May 2, 1699, married Sarah, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Hanford) Comstock and granddaughter of Christopher Comstock and of Rev. Thos. Hanford. Among the children of Daniel and Sarah (Comstock) Betts were Hannah (who married Ezra Gregory) and Abijah N. Ezra and Hannah (Betts) Gregory were two





## LINEAGE OF HON. THADDEUS BETTS.

Gen. I.—THOMAS AND MARY BETTS.

“ II.—JOHN BETTS,<sup>1st</sup>

“ III.—JOHN<sup>3d</sup> AND DAMARIS (LOCKWOOD) BETTS.

“ IV.—THADDEUS AND ELIZABETH (MALTBY) BETTS.

“ V.—WILLIAM MALTBY AND LUCRETIA (GREGORY) BETTS.

“ VI.—HON. THADDEUS BETTS.

It is impossible, thus far, to find the first wife, by whom he had his two children, of John Betts.<sup>1st</sup> His second wife (see Fairfield probate record of Samuel, son of Daniel and Sarah Kellogg Brinsmade) was Sarah (nee Kellogg), widow of Daniel Brinsmade.<sup>1</sup> By this marriage, however, there was no known issue. The two children of John Betts<sup>1st</sup> were John<sup>3d</sup> and Hannah, who married Nathaniel Bouton,<sup>2</sup> of Stamford. John<sup>3d</sup>, the brother of Hannah Betts (Mrs. Nathaniel Bouton) married, April 17, 1722, Damaris, born Nov. 7, 1701, second daughter of Eliphalet and Mary (Gold) Lockwood, and granddaughter of Ephraim and Mercy (St. John) Lockwood, the settlers. John Betts<sup>3d</sup> was a Colonial Assembly delegate for several sessions and was honored, in 1739, by appointment to audit the Colonial Treasurer's accounts. His oldest child, Thaddeus,<sup>1st</sup> was born May 3, 1724. This son was a Yale man, class of 1745, who married, Nov. 8, 1752, Mary, daughter of John Gold, of Fairfield. Mrs. Thaddeus Betts<sup>1st</sup> lived only about twelve days after marriage, and her husband married, second, May 15, 1754, Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. William and Sarah (Davenport) Maltby,<sup>3</sup> of Branford. Dr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Betts

New England worthies. Their son Moses who lived in the existing venerable Gregory hearthstone near the upper east bank of the South Norwalk waterworks reservoir in Wilton, was the father (see note, page 85) of the late Dr. Ira Gregory of Norwalk, and their daughter Sarah, who married Jesse, son of Sylvanus and Eunice (Sherwood) Sterling, was mother of Sarah Sterling, wife of P. C. Calhoun, of Golden Hill, Bridgeport, and of New York city.

<sup>1</sup>He married Sarah, born, 1665, daughter of Daniel and Bridget Kellogg, the settlers, and was the father of Lieut. Daniel Brinsmade of that portion of Stratford now known as Trumbull. Lieut. Daniel and Mary Brinsmade were the parents of Rev. Daniel Brinsmade, born, July 31, 1718, who was for forty-four years the pastor of what is now Washington, Conn., in which place he died April 23, 1793.

<sup>2</sup>He was born, 1691, a son of John and Sarah Gregory Bouton, of Norwalk, and was one of the founders of the Congregational parish of New Canaan. His children were Hannah (Mrs. Timothy Delavan), born, Nov. 24, 1721; Abigail (Mrs. Josiah Weed), born, Feb. 28, 1723-4; Nathaniel,<sup>2d</sup> born, Sept. 6, 1726; Samuel, born, April 11, 1730; Jehiel, born, Feb. 17, 1731-2; Mary (Mrs. Samuel Scribner),

born, Nov. 11, 1734; John, born, July 23, 1737; Daniel, born, Oct. 24, 1740; Rebecca, born, 1742.

<sup>3</sup>After Capt. Wm. Maltby's death his widow married, April 29, 1735, Rev. Eleazer Wheelock, of Lebanon, Conn. Mrs. Capt. Maltby, afterwards Mrs. Rev. Eleazer Wheelock (grandmother of U. S. Senator Thaddeus Betts, of Norwalk), was a daughter, born, July 17, 1702, of Rev. John and Martha Davenport, of Stamford, and, consequently, a granddaughter of John and Abigail (Pierson) Davenport, of New Haven, and a great granddaughter of Rev. John Davenport, the first minister of New Haven and a founder of that colony. The father of Sarah Davenport (mother of Mrs. Thaddeus Betts<sup>1st</sup>) was so scholarly that when he read the Bible, at family prayer, he made use (see his funeral sermon) not of English but of the original tongue. Sarah Davenport (Mrs. Capt. Wm. Maltby, first, and, second, Mrs. Eleazer Wheelock), died Nov. 13, 1746. Her Maltby grandson was Judge William Maltby Betts (father of Senator Thaddeus) and a Wheeler son-in-law was Judge Alexander Phelps, of East Haddam (Conn.) district. Mrs. Elizabeth Maltby Betts, wife of Dr. Thaddeus Betts,<sup>1st</sup> died Feb. 8, 1789, and her husband married (Nov. 8 next) the widow of Daniel



established themselves on "The Green," living in a typically comfortable, east-dormer window home, which stood on a slight elevation where now stands the First Congregational Church and which had, on the north, a broad meadow stretching as far as the Edwin Lockwood residence of later times. The present Lewis street was cut through this Betts-bordering land. William Maltby, son of Dr. Thaddeus and Elizabeth Betts, was born Jan. 4, 1759, and marrying, June 26, 1785, Lucretia, daughter of Captain Jabez and Mercy (St. John) Gregory, of the old Spring property, lower Main street, and the only sister of Capt. Moses Gregory, chose for his home what has since been known as the Edward Street house, which faced Main street and stood a little north of the "Sherman house." He was the postmaster of his day, having his office in the "Betts building" which has been supplanted by the 1896 G. & S. H. Holmes grocery establishment in Main street. To Judge William M. and Lucretia Betts was born, Feb. 4, 1789, Thaddeus<sup>2d</sup>. (Hon. Thaddeus Betts, U. S. Senator) whose intelligence and mind-activity and liberal spirit, creating no disappointing expectations, caused his influence to be widely felt. His mission, however, was early fulfilled, and he died at his Washington, D. C., post of duty, in 1840, leaving

Lyman (son of Lieut. Benj. Lyman). Daniel Lyman was a classmate of Dr. Betts, and like his college fellow, was, it is probable, thrice married. His first wife was Sarah Whitney, of New Haven; his second wife Sarah Miles, of the same city, and his third, Mrs. Ellen (Fairchild) Benedict, of Norwalk. Mr. Benedict died in 1764, after which his widow married Dr. Thaddeus Betts.<sup>1st</sup>.

'Thaddeus Betts was a member of the Fairfield County Bar, the story of which body has been that of men of merit-mark. Mr. Betts' Norwalk contemporaries were Hon. Roger Minot Sherman and such was the case-skillful reputation of these two acute reasoners and telling speech-makers, that when the services of one had already been secured, no time was lost by the opposite party in applying for the offices of the other. Hon. Clark Bissell, sterling and solid, was another of the giants of the bar in Southwestern Fairfield County at the Senator Betts era, and shared the honors of great legal fame with Hon. Chas. Hawley, of Stamford. Blackstone's four chief disciples in the section named were (quoting a Norwalk resident of to-day and a Charles Hawley strongly endorsed student of Edward Taylor, of Danbury): "Roger M. Sherman, of Fairfield, Thaddeus Betts and Clark Bissell, of Norwalk, and Charles Hawley, of Stamford." Of Roger M. Sherman, before alluded to, and his wife Elizabeth (see note page 200) it may be said that they were "noble Romans." This truly great father honored Norwalk by his residence. He then went to Fairfield, and his home stands to-day (the Congregational parsonage of that town) which he bequeathed to the "Prime Ancient Society," of Fairfield, with a fund for its preservation as

well as the old family portraits of himself and wife, which now adorn and dignify the premises referred to. Reuben Booth, another member at the same period of the same bar, and by five years the junior of Thaddeus Betts, was a Danbury attorney of eminence. He studied with the magnificent Danbury barrister, Moses Hatch, and was a brother-in-law of the keen, powerfully logical and "chock full of humor," David Hull Belden. Beale Whittlesey, not perhaps as "snappy" as some of the others, but capable and clever and down to the end of life dignifiedly dressed in knee-breeches and shoes decorated with buckles, also had place in the legal galaxy of the period mentioned, as did the black-eyed, bright-brained Silas H. Hickock, as well as the rigid cross-examiner, natural orator and perfect gentleman, Nelson L. White. The very talented Taylor Sherman earlier appeared, but Edward Taylor age-rated with Booth and Betts. Mr. Taylor was equal to an emergency. "Your name is Taylor" was the greeting, in Southbury, of a New Haven practitioner to whom Taylor had just been introduced. "Yes," was the reply. "Well," retorted Bacon, "I've understood that a tailor is" so and so. "And your name is Bacon," quoth Taylor, "and Bacon is" thus and thus. But the "penalty" did not end just here. Before the case was called Mr. Taylor quietly addressed to Mr. Bacon's client the remark, "however this trial may turn out, my client can bring seven charges against you." Bacon's man at once became uneasy and seeking his counsel suggested that the suit be withdrawn. "Very well," said Bacon, "I'm not here to perpetuate strife and if you conclude to close the matter outside of court, do so." The thing



a widow and three sons and one daughter. Senator Betts married Antionette,<sup>1</sup> born April 20, 1789, daughter of John Cannon<sup>2d</sup> and Sarah (St. John) Cannon (see Cannon lineage).

#### OF MOSES BETTS LINEAGE.

Gen. I.—THOMAS AND MARY BETTS.

“ II.—JAMES AND HANNAH (BOUTON) BETTS.

“ III.—ELIAS AND ABIGAIL (BURCHARD) BETTS.

“ IV.—MOSES AND ANN (STURGES) BETTS.

Stephen St. John<sup>4th</sup> (so indixed to distinguish him from his father, Stephen<sup>3d</sup> and from Stephen<sup>2d</sup> who was son of Col. Stephen St. John) was a son of Stephen<sup>3d</sup> and Sarah (Betts-Platt) St. John, and a grandson of Moses and Mercy (Olmsted) St. John, and a great-grandson of James and Mary (Comstock) St. John, which James was a son of Matthias<sup>2d</sup>, who was a son of Matthias St. John, Sr., and Norwalk St. John father. This Stephen St. John<sup>4th</sup> was born Oct. 9, 1772, and married on Jan. 4, 1797, to Sarah, born Dec. 22, 1777, daughter of Moses and Ann (Sturges) Betts, of Wilton. Himself and wife lived in olden style on the site which forms, to-day, the Cannon street homestead of their grandson, Stephen St. John. Mr. St. John was a man of high integrity. He had a large landed estate, in the matter of the improvement of which he directed rather than himself hard-labored. He horseback-rode over the farm and saw that his numerous “hands” were employed. His home pieces—from his house north to “Beaver Dam Lane,” and from the point on which the present North Center School is built, up to the sawmill—he could personally attend to, but the working of outlying lands was done by others. He was good, and the community knew the fact. His grounds were untrespassed upon and no one defrauded him. He was a reader, a thoughtful and quiet spoken man, and one who meant just what he said. The site of his house, in which his wife was an efficient manager, was inherited. It had, at his occupation of it at marriage (1797), been already in the family for sixty years. On May 19, 1722, it was changed from Maynard to Beekman possession. The former was a Norwalk resident, the latter a New York Knickerbocker. Dr. William Beekman, who had studied abroad with the famous Boerhaven, made, for some reason, purchase of Norwalk property, and that he intended to here reside would appear evident from the fact

was done, but before separating Bacon interrogated his professional brother as to the nature of the seven charges alluded to. “O,” said Taylor, “I could not only bring seven but seventeen suits, but I do not suppose that we could win any of them.” Thomas Belden Butler, who was of a later date than that of the before indicated law-gentlemen, became, after quitting the practice of medicine, a Norwalk forcible pleader and thorough lawyer. The clientage of Thaddens Betts and brethren was large, and the returns of their profession were, for their day, handsome.

<sup>1</sup>She survived her husband for many years and in later life was well known for her mercy-ministrations. She was on the alert to extend sympathy and alleviate suffering. A tender remembrance of her later year is that of her delicate and faithful kindness to an early pastor of St. Mary's church who, from his dying bed, gave her his blessing. Her son, Charles O. C., occupies, in 1896, her father's residence on Norwalk Green; her son Frederick resides in her own home (adjoining, on the south, that of her father); and her son Maltby and daughters, Sally, Eliza and Harriet are deceased. Her father's family was large.





of his ultimately building upon the spot under description. If the statement be reliable he had commenced his house and almost completed, it when on March 5, 1736, he sold everything out to Moses St. John, the grandfather of Stephen.<sup>4th</sup> Dr. Beekman paid £25 for the property (two acres). He sold it to Moses St. John for £100, and at Mr. St. John's death, in 1786, the same was appraised by his executors at £150 value. In this house, which a colored servant saved from Tryon devastation,<sup>1</sup> the children of Moses and Mercy St. John, viz., Stephen, Moses and Josiah, who most likely belonged to that Colonial company of—changing the poet's tense—

“Gallant sons who shouldered guns  
And twice a year went out a-training,”

and Mercy, Susannah, Lydia and Sarah were probably born, and all the sisters were possibly married beneath that venerable Beekman-St. John roof. Mercy wedded Capt. Jabez Gregory and became the notable “Grandmother Gregory at the spring” (see page 84). Susannah married James Raymond, of Bedford, across the state line; Lydia took William Seymour to husband and comfortably lived at the foot of Flax Hill, being represented today by her grandson of Vermont finance reputation, a son of Belden Seymour, who left Norwalk for the Green Mountain State. Sarah, the fourth daughter, marrying Gershom Hubbell, of Greenfield Hill, there established a home, to which her brothers and sisters well knew the way.

Of Moses St. John's three sons only two, Josiah and Stephen,<sup>3d</sup> have Norwalk mention. Moses, the third son, removed, as did his sister Susannah, to Bedford. It is believed that Moses St. John built for his son Josiah the present Henry Williams house in Cannon street. Here Josiah and Mary (Fitch) St. John (see page 43) lived and brought up their children, Joseph, Esther, Jesse, Polly, Nancy and Sally. Josiah St. John was a rigid but righteous, a very strict but sincere man. He was a devout observer of the Lord's Day, and permitted no in nor out-door work—excepting of the greatest necessity—to be done on that day. He, as is taught of the Bible patriarch, commanded his children. His son Joseph lived on the northwest corner of the Newtown Avenue and Cannon Street of 1895. This son, at twenty-three years of age, married, Nov. 15, 1792, Betsey Nash, a step-daughter of Hezekiah Jarvis, and his children were Esther (Mrs. Nathan Beers); William, who married Lucretia Jarvis; George, who married a sister of Stephen Smith; and Edgar, who died young.

Stephen St. John,<sup>3d</sup> son of Moses and father of Stephen,<sup>4th</sup> married, Feb. 1764, the widow of Joseph, son of John<sup>2d</sup> and Hannah (Burwell) Betts. This grandmother of

<sup>1</sup>The family statement is that the household of Stephen St. John<sup>3d</sup> left the building, when Tryon approached, in the care of an employee who, after the house was fired put out the flames. The burned portion was seen as long as the house stood. The house (now Williams') opposite from Stephen St. John's,

was not destroyed, the tradition being that the foreigners' fire material here gave out. The fact in the case would appear to be that as an engagement between the opposing parties took place in the near-by France street, the enemy was otherwise and elsewhere employed.



the children of Stephen St. John,<sup>4th</sup>. Sarah, daughter of John and Sarah (Hickox) Platt,<sup>1</sup> was a woman of force. She survived her husband and insisted upon keeping up her own establishment, residing until her death in a portion of the Beekman-St. John house. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Stephen St. John,<sup>4th</sup>. was an industrious woman who, as soon as the morning's dairy was attended to and the breakfast over and her husband's directions enforced, brought out the spinning wheel. She did the weaving, knitting and making for the growing family, besides providing for the, at times, numerous farm help. The family was astir betimes, the first sound which filled the children's ears being that of the running water at the "dam" and the creaking of the great barn gate, next to the mill, as it was opened to let the live stock out. The sheep washing and the children's watching the operation at the little bridge close by, was a primitive picture. These children grew to give proof of their vigorous descent. Caroline (Mrs. Henry Chichester) was the oldest and her character-strength will not soon be forgotten. From the cradle to the grave she was every inch a St. John. In early girlhood it was on one occasion planned that she should visit her maternal Wilton grandmother, Mrs. Moses Betts, whose comfortable abode

<sup>1</sup>Here opens an interesting history. John Platt,<sup>3d</sup>. who married Sarah Hickox, was born April 2nd, 1702. His father, John Platt,<sup>2d</sup>. was born on the first day of the summer of 1664, and his mother was Sarah, daughter of Ephraim and Mercy (St. John), Lockwood. This John Platt,<sup>3d</sup>. the grandson of the first Platt (John<sup>1st</sup>) who came to Norwalk, married Sarah, born, Dec. 6, 1707, daughter of Samuel, Jr., and Elizabeth (Plum) Hickox, of Waterbury. These had a daughter, Sarah, who married, first, Joseph Betts, and second, Stephen St. John,<sup>3d</sup>. The Betts children were Anna (Mrs. Micajah Starr); Justus; Moses (who married, first, a Peck, and second, Mary, daughter of Elijah and niece of Capt. Jabez Gregory, of Norwalk, and who moved to Fairfield and was the well-known Moses Betts of that old town); Aaron (went to Canada); Platt and Susannah. Joseph Betts made his will May 10, 1760, and it was inventoried May 19, 1760. A record states that he died May 19, 1760, but this is probably a mistake. His son Platt possibly died unmarried, as his estate was distributed among his brothers and sisters Dec. 23d, 1772, and the widow of Joseph Betts, four winters afterward, married Stephen St. John <sup>3d</sup>. Mrs. Stephen St. John's mother (Sarah Hickox) was the granddaughter of Sergeant Samuel and Hannah Hickox, one of the planter families of Waterbury. Their land embraced "Hickox," now "Ward's" Island, in the Naugatuck river, and the old Naugatuck and Derby highway ran through a portion of their territory. Their son Samuel, who was the grandfather of Mrs. Stephen St. John,<sup>3d</sup>. married, April 16, 1690, Elizabeth, born 1669, daughter of John Plumb, of Milford. John Plumb was, in all probability, either son or grandson of the Robert and Mary (Baldwin) Plumb.

of Milford Memorial Bridge inscription, of which family, United States Senator Plumb, of Kansas, is a descendant. The Plumb-Baldwin union was that of two marked families, and the Norwalk arteries which to-day carry the blood are those of the descendants of Stephen St. John.<sup>4th</sup>. The Hickox uncles and aunts of Mrs. Stephen St. John<sup>3d</sup>. (children of Samuel, Jr., and Elizabeth Hickox) were Ebenezer, Samuel, John, Hannah, Elizabeth (Mrs. Samuel Smith), Gideon and Silaus (Mrs. Abr. Bennett. Mrs. St. John was the grandniece of "ye worshipful Joseph Platt," and her grandson Alanson (Capt. A. P. St. John) took for his second name that of Platt. Capt. St. John's sister Caroline (Mrs. Henry Chichester) attributed certain family characteristics, decision, etc., to their Platt blood element. The captain began the life which afterwards as a Hudson River commander (see page 142) made him famous, with Capt. John Brooks, of Bridgeport. At that time the former started as a clerk or mate on the old Sound steamboat "Nimrod," which, under the control of the latter, plied between Bridgeport and New York. Capt. Brooks required that the gang doors of the boat should be closed every night at 9 o'clock and strictly ordered that not a man, from the captain down, belonging to the boat should be admitted after that hour. It happened that the first person to be caught out, after the issuing of the order, was the captain himself. Boarding the boat later than the hour named he found everything tightly fastened and called to the clerk. "Who are you?" was the response from within. It is quite possible that the young St. John did not distinguish the tone, but the reply, in substance, which ended the matter was: "I do not recognize the voice."





is still pointed out immediately west of the bridge that crosses Norwalk river, somewhat below the Wilton railway station of 1896. The child mounted the horse and rode thither, but when the visit was paid the careful grandfather, unwilling that she should make the six miles to her home alone, insisted that an older person should share and show the way to Norwalk. The young Caroline agreed to the companionship, but not, characteristically, to the leadership. Competent to take the head she there remained through a long life, and her offspring to-day revere her vital memory. Her brother Edward early went out into the world, became a city broker, maintaining for many years a residence in Ninth Street, New York, and retiring, finally, to end a busy life at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson. Capt. Alanson P., another brother, of fine face, features and nature, became a favorite steam commander. Jessup St. John, another brother, always remained in Norwalk. He married into the Johnson family, and when his father's estate was settled, he desired the old homestead which his son Stephen now occupies. Sally Ann, a sister, married Thomas B. Merrill, and was a true mother. The ambition of Moses and Charles took them, one West, and the other South, while Catherine (Mrs. Lawrence M. Stevens) and Harriet (Mrs. Gould D. Jennings) to this day survive.

#### A THOMAS BETTS<sup>2nd</sup>. MENTION.

Thomas, <sup>2nd</sup>. son of Thomas<sup>1st</sup>. and Mary Betts, married Sarah, daughter of Matthew Marvin, <sup>2nd</sup>. and a granddaughter of Hon. Matthew Marvin. The groom was Guilford and the bride Norwalk born, and the latter was ten years the junior of the former. They had six children, Thos., John, <sup>2nd</sup>. Sarah, Matthew, Mary and Elizabeth. John, <sup>2nd</sup>. the second son, is to be distinguished from his cousin, John<sup>3d</sup>. (son of John<sup>1st</sup>). The lines of the two cousins lead quite differently, albeit both relatives are the heads of widely known Norwalk hearthstones to-day. John Betts, <sup>2nd</sup>. born July 7, 1684, married Apr. 15, 1708, Hannah, daughter of John Burwell, <sup>1st</sup>. of Greenwich; which union makes appropo the insertion, in this place of the following:

*Sketch of the Proceedings in Relation to the Burwell Estate in England, from the time it was leased by John Burwell in 1689, to the present.*

"John Burwell, in whose posterity in Conn. and New York is the heirship of a large Estate lying in the parish of Bovingdon, in Hertfordshire, England, emigrated to this country about 1685. He inherited the said Estate from his father, whose name also was John, and who died, as appears by the Court Rolls of the Manor of Hemel Hempstead, in which the said Estate is situated, previous to the 30th of May, 1670. When he emigrated he left the Estate in possession of his sister Maria Burwell, in whose hands it remained a number of years.

"Upon his arrival in this country, he came to Milford, Conn., from which place he went with others to Greenwich, Conn., with Jeremiah Peck, a native of Milford, and who settled as Pastor of the Church in Greenwich in 1688. John Burwell bought his house lot in Greenwich, Feb. 28th, 1688-9. He there married Hannah Lockwood, daughter of Ger-



shom Lockwood.<sup>1</sup> In the spring of 1688-9 he went to England, and leased the Estate and returned soon after. The next spring he took the small-pox in New York, of which he died in Greenwich, May 1st, 1690. He left one daughter and his wife (a posthumous child died soon after its birth) leaving Hannah his sole heir. At the bottom of the Inventory of the Estate of John Burwell in Greenwich is an entry that "there is other Estate which remains in foreign parts, which is not known to us." (The Appraisers.)

"The said Hannah Burwell, as appears by the Greenwich Records, married John Betts, of Norwalk, on the 13th day of April, 1708. After John Burwell's decease it does not appear that his heirs received rent from the Estate, but about 1721 they had correspondence with some person in England on the subject, as appears by an old letter, dated April 7th, 1721, in which it is stated that John Burwell leased the Estate when in England. The matter probably rested until 1745, when John Betts empowered Nathaniel Hazard, of New York, a man of limited means, to proceed to England and collect the rent due on the Estate. The agreement is dated March 5th, 1745. Hazard went that spring and before he returned John Betts died. His will was received at the Probate Office, August 12th, 1745. Hazard returned that fall in a ship he had purchased in England, laden with English goods; he bought a store in New York, and went extensively into mercantile business, thus becoming suddenly rich. Finding John Betts deceased, he refused to come to any settlement, or give any account of the business, and the affair again rested until 1808, when Joseph Betts, eldest son of Burwell Betts, and grandson of Hannah Burwell Betts, took it in his hands, obtained power of attorney, collected his money and was ready to sail, when he was taken sick, and died soon after. In 1814 Nathan Betts, a brother of Joseph next engaged in it, got new power of attorney, and raised funds for the purpose of sending an agent; and in 1817, he employed one Capt. Paul Chase (who was going to England) to investigate the matter. He wrote back that the possessor having no title, had never ventured to cut down the wood, and that they had laid by the rent for a long number of years, to have it ready when called for by the owners of the soil, and that the value of the Estate was about £80,000 sterling, besides back rent. This appears to be about all the trouble he took to ascertain the situation of the property, he being engaged in another business. In 1821, J. B. Walker who was going to England was employed to inquire into the affair; he wrote back in a letter dated Jan. 20, 1822, that the Estate was worth half a million pounds sterling; and that the occupants had not a scrap of paper to show as title; and that he had ascertained that the title was still vested in the heirs of John Burwell, who had made no application for rent for nearly a century. This was the amount of what he accomplished. In 1825 money was raised by

<sup>1</sup>Hannah Lockwood (Mrs. John Burwell<sup>1st</sup>) was the daughter of Lieut. Gershom Lockwood, of Greenwich, born in Watertown, Mass., Sept. 6, 1643, fifth son of Robert and Susannah Lockwood, and next younger brother of Ephraim, the Norwalk Lockwood settler. John Burwell died in 1690 and his widow, Hannah, married, second, Thomas,<sup>2d</sup> son of Rev. Thomas Hanford, of Norwalk. Thomas Hanford,<sup>2d</sup> had, before marriage, been a transient resident of Greenwich. The Norwalk home of himself and wife is now the site of the Selleck School

property. He was one of early Norwalk's instructors. By his marriage to the widow Burwell there were several (see Hanford lineage) children. The John Hanford (see note page 76) who married Mehitable, daughter of Nathan Comstock, of Wilton, was a grandson of Thomas<sup>2d</sup> and Hannah (Lockwood-Burwell) Hanford. Huldah, daughter of John and Mehitable Hanford, married Ebenezer D. Hoyt, whose grandchildren now occupy the original Gould Hoyt Main Street house in Norwalk, which house has been well kept.





the heirs, and Truxton L. Powel employed to investigate the situation of the Estate. After a considerably fruitless search he found the office of Court Rolls of the Manor of which Wm. Briggs is steward, or keeper, made known his business; Wm. Briggs was not in; went again next morning, and found Wm. Briggs had left London that morning for France, to be gone five weeks; but had left the Court Rolls in the care of one Wm. Harrison. They commenced search, but could find no Court Rolls earlier than 1730. Wm. Harrison said there must be Court Rolls earlier than that, of which Wm. Briggs alone knew (where they were). Powel not knowing how to wait till his return, left the next day for Paris, and did nothing further.

"At a number of different times after this, until 1837, the claimants met in New York, appointed committees, drafted resolutions, and subscribed money to carry the business of recovery into effect, without accomplishing anything of importance. The excitement dying away soon after the return of the said claimants, so that commonly the money subscribed was not paid in, and in one or two instances when paid in was embezzled or lost. Thus the business remained until 1837, when Charles Lemon, of Troy, went as agent for the claimants to England, where he arrived on the 9th of February of said year. He commenced his search at the Office of Wills in Doctor Commons; then at the Enrollment Office; the Chancellor's Office; the Office of Commissioners of Woods and Forests; these were all applied to without meeting anything of importance to the claimants. He called upon Wm. Briggs, Steward to the Lord of the Manor of Hemel Hempstead (the same as before mentioned), but he refused to let the records be seen, or give any extracts from them, until he was satisfied of his authority to make such inquiry, accompanied by show of title. As a consequence of his inquiries, he was directed to a man by the name of Perkins, who lived as foreman on the farm of Mr. Goodat Studham, and who was once in possession of the Bovingdon Farm. His statement was that the farm was formerly in possession of a Mr. Loomis, but could not tell how long; after his death it came in possession of a man by the name of Bachelder, who lived and died on it, leaving his son in possession of it. He (the son) lived on it 22 years, during a part of which time he (Perkins) lived with him as help. The last Bachelder died leaving the farm to his wife, and appointing Mr. John Field as trustee to the farm and children. The widow Bachelder soon married this Perkins, and he lived 19 years on the farm when his wife died. Immediately after her death, Mr. Field, who was left trustee, presented a long bill against the Estate and another against Perkins, and succeeded in alarming him so much as to induce him to sign a quit-claim and put Field in possession, Field paying him a bonus. That took place in 1827 or 8; Perkins said that in 1837 Mr. Field sold the farm of 200 acres to the now Mr. Rugder, of the son of Lord Narrowby, the same nobleman as mentioned in Walker's letter as having bought a large tract of it, thus securing the Estate that had been so long divided. Perkins also mentioned having often seen an old parchment, like a lease, signed in a plain round hand, "John Burwell," which he left in the house when he quit it. Mr. Lemon made an effort to find this document but without success, it having probably passed into the hands of Mr. Rugder. This is the substance of the information concerning the Estate obtained by Mr. Lemon.

"In August, 1838, Edward R. Lambert, of New Haven, went to England, for the investigation of it; the results of whose inquiries were as follows: He arrived in England on Friday, September 7th; landed at Portsmouth, and proceeded directly to London.





On Monday he delivered his letters of introduction to Junius Smith, Esq., and by his advice, and accompanied by him, went to the Office of Wills, Doctor's Commons, and made a thorough search from the year 1750, but found nothing of importance concerning the business. He next went to the Office of Commissioners of Wood and Forest, but was refused an examination of their books. During the week went to the office of Mr. Briggs, Steward of the Lord of the Manor of Hemel Hempstead, but he would not allow his records to be examined in reference to the Estate in question, without proof of authority to make such examination. Provided the letters of introduction from Junius Smith, Esq., to Smith and Grover, lawyers in company in Hemel Hempstead, he proceeded by railway to the place in question; went to the office of Smith and Grover, found Mr. Grover, to whom he delivered Mr. Junius Smith's letter. After reading it, he remarked that the property he was inquiring about in behalf of the heirs of John Burwell, was the property Mr. Rugder had lately obtained possession of. He said Lord Narrowby bought a large tract of it some years ago, and Mr. Rugder (a son of Lord Narrowby) had now obtained the remainder. He said his partner, Mr. Smith, could give every information concerning the property, for he was one of the administrators of Bachelder's Estate, (a person who had lately had the Burwell Estate in possession) that at Bachelder's death, there was wood and timber cut from off the Estate to the value of 8 or 10,000 pounds. The next day Lambert called again, and found Mr. Smith. Mr. Grover said the gentleman introduced to their notice by Mr. Smith, of London, wished to make some inquiries concerning the Burwell Estate or Rugder's place. Ah, (said he to Lambert) are you any way interested in that property, or from what motive do you make the inquiry? Lambert told him that he was authorized by people interested, to make inquiries about the property. He replied, if he (Lambert) was seeking information about that business, he must say that he was not at liberty to give any advice or information concerning it; for he was solicitor for Mr. Rugder, the present possessor of the property. He said it was his opinion, however, that if Mr. Burwell ever did own the Estate, it did not belong to him now, or his heirs at law; and it was not worth the trouble to inquire any further about it.

"Lambert told Mr. Deacon, keeper of the King's Arms Inn, in Hemel Hempstead, about the management of Smith and Grover, who advised not to place much reliance on what they might say in the matter, for one of them had been interested in the affair, and might fear he would be called to account for the avails of the timber cut off the land soon after the death of Bachelder. Mr. Deacon told Lambert he had better see Perkins, (the same above mentioned) who had been in possession of a part of the Bovingdon property, and was surreptitiously removed from it; thought from a feeling of retaliation he would be apt to tell what he knew about it; but might rely on what he said, as he was considered a man of veracity. Lambert saw him soon after and obtained the same information previously communicated to Mr. Lemon; said he had seen several papers about the land, and particularly mentioned the old parchment lease, signed 'John Burwell.' He said there was an inquiry made by the Lord Chancellor a long time since who the legal heirs were, and that a Receiver was appointed, and rents paid annually until the death of the Receiver, after which the rents were not called for, and that Bachelder at the time of his death, had the money laid up for several years' rent; said that he, after he married Bachelder's widow paid 'quit rent to the Lord of the Manor.' He said that the family of Bachelder became dissipated, and that Mr. Field got a mortgage on the Estate for money lent Bach-



elder. He said that he had heard his wife say that the owner of the land went to America, but that they never heard of him after, and that his name was John Burwell.

"Lambert soon returned to London, and with Mr. Junius Smith again applied to the Office of the Steward of the Lord of the Manor of Hemel Hempstead, but every obstacle was put in the way of their investigation. They made another call at the same office, and were informed that Mr. Briggs had gone to France, and would not return in a number of weeks. They explained the business to the clerk left in the office; he said the old Court Rolls of the Manor were at the office, but were locked up, and could not be got at until Mr. Briggs returned. Lambert called there a number of times afterwards, but Mr. Briggs had not returned when he left London. He made arrangements with Junius Smith, Esq., before leaving London to carry forward the investigation of the claim, but was unable to make any progress in the affair."

Burwell, born Apr. 14, 1715, second son of John and Hannah (Burwell) Betts, married, Nov. 1, 1740, Thankful, born Oct. 24, 1719, daughter of Thos. and Sarah Raymond and grand-daughter of John<sup>1st</sup> and Mary (Betts) Raymond. These had four children. The wife died Dec. 3, 1749, and Mr. Betts married, second, Sarah, daughter of Nathan Burwell, and had a daughter, Molly, born April 4, 1757, who married Oct. 21, 1780, Hezekiah Whitlock,<sup>1</sup> whose daughter Fanny, born Aug. 4, 1799, married, April 4, 1821, James Stevens,<sup>2</sup> of Norwalk. Betsy, born July 3, 1772, sister of Molly Betts, married, as his

<sup>1</sup>A son of Hezekiah and Molly (Betts) Whitlock, viz., Lewis, kept, for many years, the Norwalk light-house on the old "Smith's," later, "Norwalk" Island. "Uncle Lewis" maintained a sort of bachelor's quarters on the island, but his home was a hospitable retreat to parties who were storm-surprised and storm-stayed. He lived in the whitewashed stone cottage which was erected at the foot of the light-house, and picturesquely stood beneath the willow. Mr. Whitlock's island life was rather monotonous, but a small slate which hung on the inside of his living room door and upon which he recorded the passing of vessels up and down the Sound, evidenced that the tedium of his office was thus, in a measure, relieved.

<sup>2</sup>James Stevens, son of Daniel,<sup>2d</sup> who was son of Daniel<sup>1st</sup> and Sally (Brown) Stevens, of the Oblong, was, with Henry Selleck, engaged, in early life, in the large manufacturing establishment of the patriarch Caleb Benedict, Sr., of Benedict's Hill, subsequently Brushy Ridge, New Canaan. Both young men came afterwards to Norwalk, and here established families. Mr. Stevens was long the proprietor of the "Connecticut Hotel," corner of Main and Wall Streets, (site of present Boston Store) and Mr. Selleck, for years, the first selectman of Norwalk. The children of James Stevens were Georgianna (Mrs. S. Henry Bailey), Mary (Mrs. Eli S. Quintard) and Susan (Mrs. Frederick T. Betts). The parents and sisters are dead, the grand-children being the late Samuel and

James S. Bailey, and the present Mrs. Rev. Frederick R. Sanford, Mrs. Charles DeH. Brower, Mr. LeGrand C. Betts and Mr. Frederick Quintard. Mr. Stevens' son-in-law, S. H. Bailey (son of Noah Bailey of Norwalk), was a St. Louis, Mo., merchant, Mr. F. T. Betts (son of Hon. Thaddeus Betts of Norwalk) is a Norwalk farmer, and Mr. Eli S. Quintard is a New Haven and Derby R. R. official. Mr. Quintard is a son of Anson and Polly (Sanford) Quintard, who resided in the Joseph Keeler homestead, at present the tenement quarters opposite the coal office of C. T. Leonard. Eli S. Quintard was a New York and New Haven railroad official during the early period of said company's existence and his mention summons up primitive memories of that, to-day, colossal corporation. Among Mr. Quintard's contemporary and somewhat-later conductor-brethren were the well-remembered Upson, Dennis, William Comstock, William Lineburgh, Ward Nichols, John Bradley, George Cornwall, William Bauch, Frederick Lockwood, "Jack" Stock, William H. Wallace, Joseph Franklin, and Strickland. Messrs. Upson and Dennis were among the earliest conductors. Mr. Comstock, who commanded the 8 A. M. "Boston Express" out of New York on the morning (May 1853) of the fatal plunge of a large portion of the train into the Norwalk river, now resides in the West. Mr. Lineburgh, of Norwalk birth, has since been an enterprising citizen of Bridgeport. Ward





third wife, Dec. 9, 1798, John, son of Denton and Elizabeth (Sherwood) Gregory, and had Antoinette, Angeline (the second Mrs. Edmond Tuttle), George B. and Burwell D., the children of which Burwell D. Gregory are the present John B., of Cranberry Plains, and his brothers, George, Charles and Francis. These boys' grandfather, John Gregory, was born Dec. 25, 1775. He was the grandson of John Gregory<sup>3d</sup>. (son of John<sup>2d</sup>, who was son of John<sup>1st</sup>, the Norwalk settler). He was a large landowner in Cranberry Plains, and his brother Josiah built and liberally supported the Poplar Plains Methodist Church.

#### A RARE BETTS-KEELER CONNECTION.

Sarah, born Jan. 21, 1686-7, daughter of Thomas and Mary Betts, married, Dec. 11, 1712, Samuel<sup>1st</sup>, son of Samuel<sup>1st</sup>. (who was son of Ralph Keeler, the settler). Sarah Betts was the second wife of Samuel Keeler<sup>2d</sup>, which Keeler had previously, Jan. 18, 1704, married Rebecca, daughter of James and Sarah (Gregory) Benedict, of Danbury. By the first marriage of Samuel Keeler<sup>2d</sup>, there were two children, Samuel and Rebecca, the second of whom died in infancy. The first son by the second (Sarah Betts) marriage, was born March 14, 1716, and was given the name of his Marvin grandfather (Matthew) and of his uncle Matthew Betts. This son (Matthew) of Samuel and Sarah Betts Keeler became,

Nichols, of solid Fairfield County Nichols stock, has held, in later years, public office in New Haven. John Bradley was admired by the ladies. George Cornwall, brother of the honored John, of Bridgeport, was a favorite with the journeying public. William Bauch, portly and a "no nonsense" official, is remembered for his dry wit. Collecting, one day, his fares, a passenger unintentionally took a small business or other card from his pocket and proffered it, instead of the passage ticket, to the conductor. "I do not attend that church," was the characteristic reply, which restored the traveler's wits. Messrs. Lockwood, Stock and Strickland were sterling, and the latter so perfectly poised that when his engineer on one occasion, having mistook the signal, proceeded quite a distance over the route, leaving the conductor behind, Mr. Strickland simply went complacently to the waiting room and quietly rested until his men, having ascertained the blunder, returned the train to South Norwalk again. Mr. Wallace was always on hand, and Joseph Franklin long conducted the former 8 o'clock night "owl train." Subsequent to Mr. Quintard's time the popular "Eddie" Wildman "ran" the 7 A. M. way train from 4th Avenue and 27th St. to New Haven. This was one of the road's important "runs," and with Mr. Wildman rode the young news messengers whose duty it was, under the direction of Max and Henry (now Col.) Huss (as representatives of the Adams Express Co.) to supply the patrons of the main line and its connections with the daily papers. Those of the boys who "worked" the Housatonic and Naugatuck

roads went as far as Bridgeport, while the Hartford and Shore Line lads proceeded to New Haven. The sprightly fellows who furnished the morning "down trains" went no further than the "Harlem Junction," a mile or so N. E. of Williams Bridge. Here, with arms full of folded *Sun*, *Herald*, *Tribune* and *Times*, they waited, in all sorts of weather, the arrival of the "Scoot," "Commutation" and Express trains from the east which there came to a full stop before taking the Harlem track. One of the youngster's train-tarrying spot was a "junction" rock which he facetiously termed his "brown stone front." The vigilant and vigorous Huss Brothers trained their wards well and some of these olden days proteges of the road, which was a school to them, have met with good success in life. One had a handsome Norwalk Savings bank deposit wherefrom he drew, when older, in purchase of a city business for himself. Another is to-day a superintendent of a prominent Western railway, and another still a Central New York lawyer. Invited back in the era of the W. D. Bishop and John T. Shelton incumbencies, to a gathering of their industrious order at Chestnut Hill, Wilton, the juvenile news-scatterers who were met, after their day's trade and travel-toil in diverse parts of the State, at South Norwalk, and thence transported to Chestnut Hill, distinguished themselves for their telling good humor as well as taking civility-manners. Eli S. Quintard had a brother Frederick, who died young, and a sister, Mary Frances, who married Elbert A. Curtis, who had Wm. A., now cashier of the Central Nat. Bank, and a child not living.



in due time, the father of Stephen Keeler, a Norwalk native, whose family annals make pertinent the insertion, in this place, of the accompanying:

STODDARD-EDWARDS-BETTS-KEELER HISTORY CHAPTER.

The resuscitation of laudable memories which, by the lapse of time, have fallen into decay, are not a Norwalk annals-stock contribution simply, but local history is thereby turned to beneficent account. Notwithstanding the discomfiting, discouraging and defeating drawbacks of primitive environments, this town's virgin half-century of life was a marked social epoch, among the other gratifying notices of which period is the no mean mention that such a New England matriarch as the widow of Thomas Newberry, of Dorchester, shared, for a season, the settler's rugged experiences. This remarkable woman, like the barons' ladies of King Egbert's time, believed in and advocated "Spindle Head" rather than "Spear Head" power, and was one of those foremothers of whom it is declared that they were "quiet but moved the world." "New England came to him," is affirmed of one of her near descent, Col. John Stoddard, a "Connecticut River god." She was a St. Hilda in conviction and inviolate truth was her guide. It was she, and such as she, who conceived the grand idea of what may be termed government-matriarchalism, a home, that is, for the people, and she, without doubt, loaned herself to the work of inoculating the Norwalk maiden community with the "germs" of republicanism and patriotism. It is an honor that will forever redound to this ancient plantation that the grandmother of President Jonathan Edwards and great-grandmother of President Timothy Dwight and the foreparent of a household which has, in the language of an antiquarian of universal repute, "few parallels in American History," lived, if only for a brief space, in this town. Quite likely her own strong mind and that of her daughter (the first Mrs. Thomas Hanford) had considerable to do in moulding the forefathers' characters two hundred and forty odd years ago. "The crown must come to me," insisted Anne of Denmark, and the crown was compelled to acknowledge the edict. "To know what the town should do," all came to Esther, (the daughter of Mrs. Thomas Newberry, of Norwalk,) whose husband was the great-grandson of Sir James Ware, historian of Ireland and a

<sup>1</sup>Sir James Ware, a member, in 1583, of the Irish Parliament and who was knighted by James I, married Alice Prideaux, daughter of the Lord Mayor of London. Mary, daughter of Sir James and Alice Ware, married Emmanuel Downing, which Emmanuel and Mary Downing had a daughter, Mary, who married Anthony Stoddard, born 1617, and the parent of the American Stoddard family. Anthony and Mary Stoddard's son, Solomon, born in Boston in 1643, married Esther, a daughter of Jane Newberry (Mrs. Rev. John Warham, of Windsor, and the mother of the first wife of Rev. Thomas Hanford, of Norwalk). Rev. Solomon and Hester Stoddard had a daughter, Esther, who married Rev. Timothy Edwards, first

minister of East Windsor. Jonathan, born Oct. 5, 1703, son of Rev. Timothy and Esther Edwards, became in time President Jonathan Edwards, who married, in 1727, Sarah, daughter of Rev. James Pierpont, of New Haven. Jonathan and Sarah Edwards' daughter, Mary, married Timothy Dwight, of Northampton, Mass. Timothy and Mary Dwight had a son, Timothy, born in 1753, who was president of Yale College.

Soloman and Hester Stoddard's daughter, Hannah, married Rev. Wm. Williams, Jr. Rev. Wm. and Hannah Williams, Jr., had a daughter, Anna, who married Col. Oliver Partridge. Col. Oliver and Mrs. Anna Partridge had a daughter, Elizabeth,





friend of royal James. "Where is God?" was asked of one of her blood; "Where is He not," was the reply. The works of God were her offsprings delight, and with clasped hands and reverent repetitions of "forever and ever," some of her descent were wont to salute even as humble a natural object as a small highland stream. Thomas Newberry deceased in 1635-6, Roger Ludlow, the purchaser of Norwalk, being one of the subscribers to his will. His wife survived him in the enjoyment of a comfortable legacy of £200 (marrying for a second husband, Rev. John Warham, the first minister of Windsor—see page 138) twenty years, and died at Norwalk, in the parsonage<sup>1</sup> of the "Prime

who married Dr. Erastus Sargeant, Sr., who was the father of Dr. Erastus Sargeant, Jr., who married Margaret, daughter of Stephen and Margaret (Pyncheon) Keeler, of Norwalk. The Stoddards include, says one, the best of French, English and Welsh blood. Col. Oliver Partridge was a Harvard graduate and a Colonist of wide reputation. He died in 1782, and his wife died in 1802.

<sup>1</sup>Old Norwalk's parsonages (before the Revolutionary War)—Congregational and Episcopal—were storied structures. Hannah, daughter of Mrs. Thos. Newbury, referred to in the text, was the first wife of Rev. Thos. Hanford, the first minister of Norwalk. This lady whose blood back of, or contemporary with her, were ancestors and ancestresses who possessed genius and power to evolve from surrounding conditions the germs of the grand matters-status of to-day, here wrought and influenced for several years. After her decease her husband married, second, (see page 138) the widow of Jonathan Ince, of New Haven, and brought, once more, to the Norwalk parsonage family fame. Rev. Stephen Buckingham was the town's second pastor and Mrs. Buckingham was unexcelled. The town had built a new "minister's house," its site being about where now stands the East Norwalk R. R. depot for west bound trains. Here Mrs. Buckingham presided with grace. She was the grand-daughter of the immortal Thomas Hooker, of Hartford, and "is reputed to have been the most accomplished lady that ever came to Norwalk." Her sister, Mary, was the wife of Rev. James Pierpont, of New Haven, and she was the aunt of Mrs. President Jonathan Edwards. Her husband and self were, by birth and connection, of New England's best stock, and the Norwalk parsonage continued to be a highly clever and cultured hearthstone. Rev. Moses Dickinson succeeded Mr. Buckingham. Mr. Dickinson was born in Springfield, Dec. 12, 1695, and himself and wife Martha came to Norwalk in June, 1727. His father, Hezekiah Dickinson, was a trader and his mother was Abigail, daughter of Rev. Samuel Blakeman, of Stratford. His brother Jonathan's house was distinguished in that the College of New Jersey was there opened and his own parsonage in Norwalk had at its head a man of com-

manding presence and esteemed one of the first among his fellows, and was the birthplace of his daughter, Mary, who married, Nov. 4, 1742, Rev. James Lockwood, of Norwalk, who declined the presidencies of Princeton and Yale Colleges, and was the brother of Hannah (Mrs. Dr. Uriah Rogers, Sr.), the grandmother of Chancellor James Kent. Mrs. Martha Dickinson died and the second Mrs. Moses Dickinson who ministered at the parsonage was Hannah, daughter of Capt. Joseph Allyn, of Wethersfield. Before Hannah Allyn married Rev. Moses Dickinson she had been the wife of Rev. Ebenezer Wright, of the old Congregational Church in Stamford. Mr. Wright died May 5, 1746, and his widow married (as his second wife) June 24, 1755, Capt. Joseph St. John, of Norwalk. Mr. St. John died Sept. 29, 1756, when his widow married for the third time, July 28, 1757, Rev. Moses Dickinson. Mr. Dickinson died May 1, 1778, leaving his widow, Hannah, who survived him for twenty-five years, dying at Plymouth, Conn., June 16, 1803, at the great age of ninety-eight.

Rev. Wm. Tennent was for seven years a Colleague Pastor with Rev. Mr. Dickinson. He probably did not occupy the parsonage, as Mr. Dickinson overlived Mr. Tennent's assistantship by some six years. Mr. Tennent came to Norwalk at the early age of twenty-eight. We have no record of his marriage, but he died at the age of forty. His mother was a Mrs. Noble, to whom his father was introduced in New York City. Both parties were pleased with the introduction, at the close of which Rev. Mr. Tennent remarked that if it met with her approbation he would return to Freehold, N. J., attend to his Sunday duty and come back on Monday for the wedding. The lady, who knew well of him, acquiesced and the ceremony was duly performed. She became a valuable wife, and the mother, in 1737, of the Norwalk associate of Rev. Mr. Dickinson. Her great niece, Martha Tennent, a woman of exceptional worth and superb talent, married a young man who was brought up in the meadow now the site of the Manice Lockwood and Mallory estate homes on Mill Hill, David, son of Dr. Uriah and Hannah (Lockwood) Rogers, afterward the eminent Dr. David Rogers, Sr., of





Ancient Society," April 23, 1655,<sup>1</sup> her life-story furnishing the following interesting New England family "item."

"NOT ALONE."

Rev. John Warham, the first minister of Windsor, Conn., married, second, Jane,<sup>1</sup>

Greenfield Hill, among whose children were Dr. Charles Rogers, of South Carolina, Dr. David, Jr., of New York, Dr. William, of Penn., Dr. Morris, who married a Long Island Willets, Mrs. Dr. Dewes, of Philadelphia, Mrs. Rev. John P. Austin, of New Haven, (grandmother of Justice A. E. Austin, of Norwalk,) and Samuel Rogers, a New York merchant.

Moses Dickinson died the year before Norwalk was British-burned and the Congregational and Episcopal parsonages, at that time standing, were ruthlessly destroyed by Tryon.

As St. Paul's parish was not incorporated until the town had attained nearly ninety years of age, and as its first rectory is supposed to have been built around the frame of the first tentative church, somewhere in the neighborhood of 1742, its history up to the conflagration of 1779 is comparatively meagre. Its rectors' families nevertheless were of note. Henry Caner, the first rector, knew possibly but little of Norwalk parsonage life. Himself and wife Anne McKenzie, to whom he was married Aug. 25, 1728, were, it is probable, away from Norwalk more or less of the time, although he here gathered some 115 communicants. His half-brother, Richard, succeeded him for a short time. Rev. Richard's wife is not ascertained. He died when not quite twenty-nine years old. He left a daughter who is named in Jonathan Cutler's will. The two Caner's were promising men, sons of Henry Caner, a New Haven architect, who erected the first building belonging to Yale College. Neither of them had probably much of a "settled habitation" in Norwalk. There was no rectory until Richard's time, and he spent only three years in Norwalk.

Dr. John Ogilvie seems to have been hardly more than a tentative supply at St. Paul's. He followed the Caner's but was unmarried when at Norwalk. His second wife, in later years, however, was known of in Norwalk. She was the widow Philips, of the Philips Manor estate, when she married Dr. Ogilvie. She generously remembered St. Paul's church, of which her step-son, Rev. Geo. Ogilvie, was for some time rector. She survived her husband, Rev. John Ogilvie, and had a delightful home not far from West Point. It was upon her grounds that, in more recent years, the popular work entitled, "The Wide, Wide World," was written. The only St. Paul's parsonage occupant, at least for any great extent of time, before the Revolution, was Dr. Jeremiah Leaming. Mr. Leaming was baptized May 12, 1717, and he received his first Communion in the

Episcopal Church on Christmas Day, 1745. For two years from that time he acted as lay-reader in Norwalk and then was sent to England to obtain orders, old Trinity Church, Newport, bearing his expenses. Only fourteen days intervened between his two ordinations in 1748. In 1758 he became rector of St. Paul's, Norwalk, and hither brought his wife, *nee* Elizabeth Peck, of New York City, after whose family the "Peck Slip" of said city was named. These occupied the Norwalk parsonage until everything they locally possessed was therein burned by the British on July 11, 1779. Dr. Leaming's estate was inventoried, at his death, at £116 but his wife's large property went to her niece, Ann, daughter of Samuel and Hannah—Norwalk records say Christian—(Peck) Farmar, and wife of Bishop Abraham Jarvis.

<sup>1</sup>Mrs. Jane Newberry (Mrs. John Warham, second,) had no grandchildren through her daughter, the first Mrs. Thos. Hanford. Her direct Norwalk descendants (through the Keelers) lived in different parts of the town, largely at the lower end of the present Belden avenue. Among her Fairfield County affinity-representatives are the descendants of Rev. Thomas Hawley, of Ridgefield. Her grand-daughter Rebecca, married Lieut. Joseph Hawley, a son of Capt. Joseph Hawley, of Northampton, and a brother of Rev. Thomas Hawley, the first pastor of Ridgefield, whose Norwalk descent opens up quite a genealogy-field. The Hawleys, station-wise, talent-wise and principle-wise, were notable progenitors. Rev. Thomas, a Harvard, 1709, graduate, belonged to the unimpeachable-character class of men, concerning one of whom (a relative of his) a Northampton Indian, on a certain occasion, remarked that he was "Englishman's god." He married a young lady six years younger than himself, Abigail, grand-daughter of Major Nathan Gold, a scholarly and opulent gentleman and a leading man in Colonial times. Mr. Gold was a King Charles Charter petitioner, "which petition was signed by no gentleman unless he had sustained a high reputation in England before he came to New England." He became proprietor of the fine Fairfield estate previously owned by the founder of Norwalk (Ludlow) where he died on the first Sunday of the Spring of 1693-4. His namesake and only son, Nathan, Jr., married a maiden, born Dec. 8, 1663, daughter of Col. John Talcott, of Hartford, and whose Wakeman mother was great-aunt to the first Mrs. John Cannon, of Norwalk. Nathan<sup>2d</sup>. and Hannah Gold's oldest child, Abigail, married Rev. Thos. Hawley, of Ridgefield, and founded the



widow of Thomas Newberry, of Dorchester, Mass. Jane's daughter, Hannah Newberry, was the first wife of Rev. Thomas Hanford, of Norwalk, at whose Norwalk home Mrs. Jane Warham died, as before mentioned, April 23, 1655, which distinguished personage probably sleeps beneath the unmarked and prostrate slab (1896) in the middle of the East Norwalk cemetery. This Norwalk sleeper's daughter, Hester, baptized Dec. 8, 1644, married, first, Rev. E. Mather, and second, Rev. Solomon Stoddard, of Northampton, Mass., and lived to the age of ninety-one or two. Mrs. Hester Stoddard was a remarkable woman. Her husband was one of the early scholar-controversialists of the New World, and her daughter Esther the mother of President Jonathan Edwards. Esther Stoddard, daughter of Rev. Solomon and Hester, was educated, as was also her gifted sister, Hannah, in Boston. Both girls were under tutorage in that Capital during the Harvard College membership of the renowned Timothy Edwards, of Windsor, and William Williams, Jr., of Weston, Mass. The talented young ladies became acquainted with the

Hawley family hearthstone in that upland town. The first daughter born to them (New Year's day, 1716,) was named for her mother, and married, when just under twenty-two, Peter, son of Eliphalet and Mary (Gold) Lockwood, of Norwalk, and grandson of Ephraim Lockwood, the settler. Peter and Abigail Lockwood's second child, Eliphalet, born Oct. 17, 1741, married, Jan. 8, 1766, Susannah, daughter of Capt. Joseph and Susannah (Selleck) St. John, and had Buckingham, born, Dec. 23, 1774, who was the father of the present Col. Frederick St. John Lockwood, of East Avenue.

Thos. Hawley, Jr., born Feb. 22, 1722, son of Rev. Thos., of Ridgefield, married Elizabeth Gould, who was three years his junior. These had a daughter, Abigail, born Oct. 24, 1749, who married James, born June 9, 1750, son of Thos. and Ruth (Benedict) Rockwell, and had Anna, born March 21, 1774, who married Jacob, son of Jacob and Frelove Nash, and had Capt. Daniel K. Nash, who died in South Norwalk, Oct. 18, 1864.

Hannah's sister, Mary, married, June 13, 1644, Capt. Daniel Clarke, who came at sixteen years of age from Warwickshire, England, with Rev. Ephraim Huit, Aug. 17, 1639. This was the young Clarke's first marriage, by which he had ten children, among whom was John,<sup>1st</sup> born Apr. 10, 1656. This John Clarke married, in 1685, Mary, born, Oct. 1665, daughter of Christopher and Mary (Burr) Crow, of Hartford. Mary Crow's father, Christopher, is conjectured to have been the youngest child of John and Elizabeth Crow, who settled in 1636, in Charlestown, Mass., and, in 1639, in Hartford, Conn. John<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Clarke had a son, Daniel, born the last day of 1704, who married, Nov. 11, 1731, Esther Bridges, and had Daniel, born at Goshen, in the town of Lebanon, Apr. 1, 1734. This son married, Nov. 24, 1757, Elizabeth Abel, and had daughter Betsey, born 1759, who

married Joseph William Bissell, and had sons Clark (Hon. Clark Bissell, of Norwalk), born, Sept. 7, 1782; Emery (Dr. Emery), of Norwalk and Levaret, of New York. Hon. Clark Bissell was married in Greens Farms, April 29, 1811, to Sally, daughter of Hon. S. B. Sherwood, of Westport, and occupied first, in Norwalk, the Rogers' Main St. house, then the recent Cowles place, until their future home (on the Bissell corner at the lower end of the Green) should be completed. Dr. Emery Bissell owned the East Avenue premises known, in 1896, as the First Congregational parsonage. Gov. Clark Bissell's children were and are, Rev. Samuel B. S., born Feb. 16, 1812; Edward C., born Aug. 1, 1822; Geo. A., born Aug. 27, 1825; Mary E., (Mrs. Charles O. C. Betts) born Feb. 22, 1827; Charlotte C., (Mrs. Hon. O. S. Ferry) born Dec. 18, 1828, and Arthur Henry, born May seventh, 1831. The children of Dr. Emery and Mary (Hayes) Bissell were: George, died young; William E.; Henry; Mary; Harriet; Julia. The two brothers, Hon. Clark and Dr. Emery, resided near each other, and were held in high personal and professional esteem. Their wives were of great character-excellence and their children, the cousins, have been admirable members of society. Samuel (Rev.), oldest son of Hon. Clark and Sally Bissell, gave high thought, excellent preparation and his high reputation to the claims of his sacred calling. His faithful and fruitful ministerial life was passed in Virginia and in his native Connecticut. He married, first, Fanny M., daughter of Renssalaer Havens, of N. Y., and had Ellen A. (Mrs. Brayton Ives); Samuel S.; Kate Havens (Mrs. LeGrand Lockwood, Jr.); Renssalaer; Clark; Fanny (Mrs. C. Cuyler Patterson); Morris J.; Frederick P.; Howard H. He married, second, Fanny, daughter of James Miller, of Newark, N. J., and had James Miller, who died young.





two named clever young gentlemen who enthusiastically offered to assist the diligent sisters in their student-work. The offer was accepted and the result was a development, mind-wise, that so astonished their learned parent as to cause him to at once write to his daughters for an explanation of their remarkable success. "Not alone," was their memorable reply to their father, "not alone." Esther married Mr. Edwards and her sister married Mr. Williams. Esther's son, Jonathan, was afterward the Northampton, Mass., divine of wide reputation, President Jonathan Edwards, and her grand-daughter Esther married President Aaron Burr, while her next younger grand-daughter, Mary, married Col. Timothy Dwight, who was the father of Timothy Dwight, D.D., LL.D., President 1795-1817 of Yale College. Anna Williams, a daughter of Rev. Wm. Williams, Jr., married Col. Oliver Partridge, of the first Colonial Congress. Their daughter Elizabeth married Dr. Erastus Sargeant, Sr., whose son, Dr. Erastus, Jr., married Margaret, daughter of Stephen<sup>1st</sup> and Margaret (Pynchon) Keeler, of Norwalk, which Stephen Keeler<sup>1st</sup> was the son of Matthew<sup>1st</sup>, who was the son of Samuel<sup>2d</sup> and Sarah (Betts) Keeler, of Norwalk first, and Ridgefield afterward. Mrs. Stephen Keeler<sup>1st</sup> was Margaret, one of the four daughters of Dr. Joseph and Mary (Cotton) Pynchon.

#### KEELER-PYNCHON DESCENT.

Judge William Pynchon, born about 1590, came from Essex Co., England, in 1630, and was one of the first settlers of Springfield, in 1637. His wife was Ann Andrews. To Judge William and Ann Pynchon was born, in 1627, John Pynchon (Col.) who was for a half-century a magistrate of Springfield. Col. John married, Oct. 30, 1645, Amy, daughter of Gov. George Wyllis, of Hartford. The marriage took place about one and one-half years after the decease of the bride's father, Gov. Wyllis. Col. and "most worshipful" John and Amy Pynchon had a son, John (Col. John<sup>2d</sup>), born 1648, who married Margaret, daughter of Rev. William and Margaret (Rogers) Hubbard. Mrs. Rev. William Hubbard was a sister of Rev. John Rogers, the president of Harvard College, and a daughter of Rev. Nathaniel and Margaret Crane Rogers. Col. John<sup>2d</sup> and Margaret Pynchon had a son, John<sup>3d</sup> (Col. John<sup>3d</sup>), who married Bathshua, daughter of Rev. Edward and Elizabeth (Fitch) Taylor,<sup>1</sup> of Westfield, Mass. Elizabeth Fitch was the daughter of James Fitch, of Norwich. Col. John<sup>3d</sup> and Bathshua Pynchon had a son, Joseph, (Dr. Joseph), before mentioned, born 1706, who married Mary Cotton, widow of T. Cheney, of Brookfield, Mass. Dr. Joseph and Mary Pynchon had four daughters, viz.,

<sup>1</sup>Rev. Edward Taylor's second wife was Ruth, daughter of Samuel and Ruth (Haynes) Wyllis. Samuel Wyllis was son of Gov. George Wyllis, of Conn., and Ruth Haynes was daughter of Gov. John and Mabel Harlakenden Haynes, of Mass. and Conn. Rev. Edward and Ruth Taylor had Kejiah, born 1702, who married Rev. Isaac Stiles, and was the mother of President Ezra Stiles, of Yale College,

who was succeeded in that office by Dr. Timothy Dwight. Dr. Dwight, through his wife's mother, had something of a Norwalk patrimony. There is no known record of Rev. Edward and Mrs. Taylor's visits to their Fairfield County great grand-children, but old family traditions are valued and preserved by their descendants, Mrs. Gov. John J. Bagley, of Michigan, and Mrs. Judge Austin Adams, of Iowa.



Mary, who married Rev. Andrew Eliot, of Fairfield; Elizabeth, who married Dr. Charles Russell, of Burlington, Vt.; Martha, who was unmarried, and Margaret, who married Mar. 28, 1779, Stephen, son of Matthew Keeler, of Norwalk.

It is mentioned by a grand-daughter of Stephen and Margaret Pynchon Keeler that the Norwalk home of these Keeler grandparents was a delightful Norwalk and Fairfield *entre nous* meeting spot. Mary Pynchon (Mrs. Rev. Andrew Eliot), of the latter place and sister of Mrs. Stephen Keeler, presided over a beautifully situated hearthstone. Her husband as well as herself were notably related. His father was the Rev. Dr. Andrew Eliot, Sr., of Boston reputation and her husband's sister was Susannah, wife of the distinguished Dr. David Hull, of Fairfield. Elizabeth, sister of Mrs. Keeler and Mrs. Eliot, married Dr. Chas. Russell, who was located at Burlington, Vermont. Dr. Charles and Elizabeth Russell were the parents of Dr. Charles P. Russell, of the U. S. N. These three sisters, Mrs. Keeler, Mrs. Eliot and Mrs. Russell were society-prominent. Margaret was for a time in delicate health and remained much at home. She was the intimate friend of Mary Esther Belden (Mrs. Wm. St. John), of Norwalk. Elizabeth's home in Burlington preceded that of the elegant establishment, in that same city, of Col. LeGrand

The children of Stephen and Margaret (Pynchon) Keeler were Margaret (Mrs. Dr. Erastus Sargeant, Jr.), born Jan. 19, 1780; Mary, born Jan. 20, 1781; Martha (Mrs. Hugh Knox), born July 16, 1783; Elizabeth, born Jan. 31, 1786; Stephen, born Jan. 10, 1789; Anne, born Jan. 9, 1792; Sarah (Mrs. Chas. H. Bontecou), born April 14, 1795, and Matthew, born Sept. 13, 1797. The daughter of Margaret (Mrs. Dr. Erastus Sargeant, Jr.), Mary Ann, married Rev. Samuel Newbury, whose two daughters, Mary and Frances, married, respectively, the present Judge Austin Adams, of Duluth, Iowa, and Gov. John Jackson Bagley, of Detroit, Mich. Martha, sister of Margaret, married, as his second wife, Hugh Knox, whose Norwalk home was the 1896 Cowles place on the Green. Sarah, another sister, married, Jan. 28, 1826, Chas. H. Bontecou, of Lansingburgh, N. Y. Stephen, a brother of the girls and the namesake of his father, married and lived entirely outside of Norwalk, while Matthew, who was an infant when his father died, kept, in later years, a draper establishment in Cedar Street, N. Y. The entire family removed to New York City, where the mother, who long survived her husband, made her home with her son Matthew, at whose residence she died in 1833. This mother's literary taste evidenced itself in her closing years by her fondness for letter writing. She did not entirely forget Norwalk. Her children's Keeler uncles and aunts (children of Stephen and grand-children of Matthew<sup>1st</sup>) were Samuel, Thomas, Isaac, William, Sarah (Mrs. Isaac Marvin), Rebecca (Mrs. James Seymour), Abigail (Mr. Olmstead), Elizabeth (Mrs. Job Smith), Aaron, Hannah (Mrs. Giles Mallory),

Anne (Mrs. Zebulon Phillips), Margaret and Mary. The third mentioned uncle, Isaac, born April 20, 1759, married Sept. 27, 1781, Deborah, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Hyatt) Whitney, and lived about where now stands the West Ave. residence of Cashier Price. Isaac and Deborah Keeler's youngest son, James H., born July 17, 1801, married Matilda, sister of David and Morris Stephenson, who kept for many years, the Norwalk Hotel. Two of James H. and Matilda Keeler's children were Frances Elizabeth (Mrs. S. R. P. Camp) and the late Antoinette (Mrs. Edwin Mallory). Rebecca Keeler, sister of Isaac, married James Seymour, the grandfather of the late Misses Harriet and Ann Seymour, of Norwalk. The venerable form and features of this progenitress are to this hour recalled. The Norwalk Keeler who was formerly connected with the New York Custom House was not of the line of Matthew Keeler,<sup>1st</sup> as has been supposed, but rather the Keeler who was of the Jehu and Lydia (Lookwood) Keeler line. This last Keeler lineage embraces well known modern names. Jehu Keeler's wife was Lydia, daughter of James Lockwood, a founder of the "Lockwood District," New Canaan. Stephen, son of Jehu and Lydia Keeler, married Hannah Marvin, and had several children, mostly daughters, among whom was Mary, who married Seth, son of Gould Ferris, whose home was near the old Ponus-Heckett wigwam-sites, now Trinity Lake vicinity, the frequented haunt in early days of game, more especially the deer. Seth and Mary (Keeler) Ferris had Stephen G. Ferris, the late worthy South Norwalk citizen of that name.





Cannon, the grand nephew of Mary Esther Belden. Martha, the unmarried sister of Margaret, Elizabeth and Mary, had her name perpetuated by her niece Martha (daughter of Mrs. Stephen Keeler), who wedded (second wife) Hugh Knox,<sup>1</sup> father of John L. G. Knox, Esq., of Troy, N. Y., who married, first, Mary Mabbett Warren, of Troy, and second, Elizabeth C. Sigourney, of Hartford.

Samuel<sup>2nd</sup>. and Sarah (Betts) Keeler, father and mother of Matthew Keeler,<sup>1st</sup>. were assigned the home-lot not distant from the Ridgefield premises of the late Abijah Resequie. The leaves were about to fall (Sept. 30, 1708,) when the Indian Catonah set his hand to the document which transferred his nature-beautiful "Candatowe" (Ridgefield) to the pale face, and the littering fragments had, it is probable, hardly dropped ere the now venerable "Ridgefield Street" was laid out on the protected eastern slope of the ancient highland mid-way between the Hudson and the Housatonic, the grand trees of which noble street were, in their prime, impervious, in a delightfully comfortable degree, almost to a ray of vertical sunlight.

Samuel Keeler emigrated from healthful Ridgefield and purchased the site (now North Wilton) in the near vicinity of his lineal descendant, the late LeGrand Keeler, and in 1896 the property of William Keeler, son of LeGrand. This North Wilton estate near "Bald Hill," is somewhat to the south of one of the most remarkable rock-wilds of Southwestern New England, which spot is a part of what was known to the Norwalk fa-

<sup>1</sup>Hugh Knox, a not-forgotten Norwalk gentleman of the olden school, was a son of Rev. Dr. Hugh Knox, of one of the West India Islands. He was born, one record says, Dec. 19, 1781, another Dec. 20, 1782. He married, first, Henrietta, born June 24, 1784, the oldest child of Samuel and Sarah (Belden) Cannon) of Norwalk, and the sister of Esther Mary (Mrs. Moses Craft) and LeGrand Cannon (the founder of the Cannon family of Troy, N. Y.), both of Troy. There was one son, the late John LeGrand Knox, by this union. The Norwalk residence of Hugh Knox was on the east side of Norwalk Green (Cowles place 1896) and when their son was seven years of age Mr. and Mrs. Knox were received (Aug. 29, 1810,) by Rev. Roswell Swan, as members of the First Congregational Church, which stood only a few rods from their house. The second Mrs. Hugh Knox was Martha, daughter of Stephen and Margaret (Pynchon) Keeler, by which union there were no children. Mr. Knox, after his removal from Norwalk, took pleasure in returning to the town. Here a cordial welcome awaited the appreciative former resident, as did also every visit from his estimable sister-in-law, Mrs. Moses Craft. Mrs. Craft's brother, LeGrand Cannon, was so thoroughly business-absorbed that Norwalk, in his later life, saw but little of him, but Samuel and Sarah Cannon's children could not fail to be remembered. Jno. L. G., son of

Hugh and Henrietta Knox, was a far and favorably known Trojan, and a Troy-visiting old Norwalker could count upon a warm greeting from him. He was born Nov. 15, 1803, and married, first, April 5, 1831, Mary Mabbett, oldest daughter of Stephen and Martha (Mabbett) Warren, of Troy. Mrs. Knox survived her bridal a little less than eight months. Her husband married, second, Miss Elizabeth C. Sigourney, of Hartford, a lady of exceptionally fine sensibilities, and whose home was a culture-charming hearthstone. Because of her husband's Norwalk relations Mrs. Knox, as a widow, beautifully honored his memory, by occasional trips to this town, laying thereby, upon such as were privileged by her visits, a gratitude-debt. The daughter of John L. G. and Elizabeth C. Knox, Mary, of lovely girlhood Norwalk recall, married Dudley, son of Hon. Geo. M. Tibbits, of Troy, and is survived by her husband and two children. Charles S., oldest son of John L. G. Knox, has long been the head-master of St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H. With him his brother James is now office-associate. Another brother of Charles S. and James, viz., John H., is of the Troy firm of Knox & Mead. The wife of John H. Knox is a great grand-daughter of Colonel Benjamin Tallmadge, who, in 1780, conducted Major John Andre to his Salem quarters, not a great distance from the ancient Norwalk northern line.





thers as "Mill Stone Hill" and is the site of granite conformations of surprising singularity and decidedly romantic environment. An ancient mill stone, cut at this quarry, stands to-day on the south side of the road leading from Bald Hill towards "Nod."

#### A THOMAS BETTS FIFTH AND SIXTH GENERATIONS.

Azor Betts, M. D., born 1740, seventh child of Nathan (born Nov. 5, 1700,) and Mary (Belden) Betts, and named for his grandfather Azor Belden, married Glorianna Purdy, and was a New York physician of repute. His city residence embraced the vicinity of the present approach to the Brooklyn bridge, and he was professionally distinguished. He was the son of Nathan, who was son of Samuel, who was son of Thomas Betts.<sup>1st</sup> His Belden great-grandmother, Margaret, born Oct. 6, 1683, was the daughter of Daniel Arms, of Deerfield, Mass., while his Belden great-grandfather, (William) who was twelve years his wife's senior, was of Foote and Deming blood. Dr. Azor and Glorianna Betts had a large family, their children being Samuel; Elizabeth (Mrs. John W. Wright); Sarah (Mrs. Hoyt); Charlotte (Mrs. Phipps); Hiram, who married Elizabeth Craig; Gabriel; James O.; Bertha, who married, first, a Chute, and second, a Walker; Lewis; Solomon; a child born in 1790 and died in infancy; Fanny (Mrs. Haskell), and Jane. Dr. Azor Betts settled, during the Revolutionary War, in Nova Scotia, where he died in 1809. His son Hiram, who was a mere child when the parents left this country, was the grandfather of the present Hiram S. and Craven Betts, of New York city. Nathan Betts,<sup>1st</sup> father of Dr. Azor, was one of six children. Nathan's father, Samuel, (son of Thos.<sup>1st</sup>) married at the age of thirty-two, and had a numerous descent.

The seventh child of Thomas<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Betts and probably the first Betts child born in Norwalk was named Samuel.<sup>1st</sup> He married and had Samuel,<sup>2d</sup> born Oct. 28, 1695, who was twice married, and had a son David (see page 142), born April 4, 1730. David and Betty Betts, his wife, lived together until Nov., 1767, when Mr. Betts died. On Nov. 30, 1770, Rev. Isaac Lewis, of Wilton, married the widow of David Betts to Caleb Baldwin, Sr., of Newtown, Conn. These had a son, Caleb Baldwin, Jr. Mrs. (Betts) Baldwin, Sr., died in 1778. She left a son, Jared, (her oldest son) by her first husband. When Jared's mother married Mr. Baldwin she sold her Betts property, of the proceeds of which sale her new husband took part possession. Jared was at that time under age, but when he had reached twenty-one he asked to have his share set over to him. Mr. Baldwin, his stepfather, declined his stepson's request, upon which in a moment of desperation possibly, the young man connected himself with Tryon's army, which was at that time moving upon Danbury. He stood in the streets of Danbury while the men fell around him and "the blood ran into his shoes." The patriots were so incensed at his course that he was compelled to quit the country. His mother not knowing whither he had flown, so sorely mourned for him and for his brother Nathan who was killed, as that sorrow eventually ended her days. When Jared had reached the age of seventy-five he



wrote from Schenectady, N. Y., to Norwalk, inquiring as to his brother's children. The reply resulted in a visit of one of his Norwalk or Wilton nephews (David Betts<sup>1</sup>) to him in Schenectady. He had been married and had one child, but both mother and child were dead, and the father (Jared) married, last (see page 142) the mother of Major-General John E. Wool, U. S. A., of Troy, N. Y.

#### THOMAS AND DEBORAH BETTS LINEAGE.

Thomas<sup>2d</sup>. and Sarah (Marvin) Betts, son and daughter-in-law of Thos. Betts,<sup>1st</sup>. had a grandson Thos. (son of Thos.<sup>3d</sup>. and Deborah Betts), who married May 22, 1748, Elizabeth Benedict. These last, Thos. and Elizabeth Betts, had two sons, Thos. and Hezekiah. Between the two brothers there was seven years age-difference. They were born in the house in lower France Street, which the existing Miss Juliette Betts home supplanted. Thomas, born March 14, 1753, married, March 19, 1782, Elizabeth Smith, of Smithtown, L. I., and had George W., born June 6, 1800, who married Julia, daughter of Dr. William Miner, an old physician of East Broadway, New York City. Geo. W. Betts was a large Pearl Street, N. Y., carpet dealer. He purchased the Lewis Mallory estate on East Avenue, Norwalk, and in 1846 enlarged the same, founding a country home thereat. Here the family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Betts and their sons and daughters, Elizabeth (Mrs. Jas. Selleck), Wm. M., Julia, Sarah (Mrs. Henry Banks), Geo., Chas. and Hattie, enjoyed a delightful residence for several years. Mr. Betts was a man of fine presence and of liberal spirit and one who took an intelligent and active interest in Norwalk. Upon the completion of the building and furnishing of his handsome Norwalk home a brilliant function therein occurred on the evening of Jan. 3, 1848, the occasion being the wedding of his oldest daughter. The family has now entirely disappeared from Norwalk. The parents sleep within the town's confines, and the children are living elsewhere. Of the two sons William M. married into the Stamford Sanford family, George is connected with the Devoe Paint establishment of Fulton St., N. Y., and Charles lives in Evansville, Ind.

Hezekiah, second son of Thos. and Elizebeth Betts, was the Capt. Hezekiah Betts of Revolutionary fame. With his brother Thos. he was brought up on the Juliette Betts France Street premises of 1896. He married, Oct. 1, 1785, Grace, born Oct. 5, 1765, daughter of Hezekiah<sup>1st</sup>. and Deborah (Hoyt) Hanford. Hezekiah Hanford was son of Samuel who was son of Rev. Thomas Hanford. He inherited his father Samuel's homestead, which was that of Rev. Thos., southwest corner East Avenue and Fort Point St. of 1896. He was a prominent Norwalker and served in Capt. Eliphalet Lockwood's company of "Coast Guards" during the Revolutionary War. His wife was a daughter of Caleb (son of Zerubbabel, son of Walter, the settler,) Hoyt, to whom he was mar-

<sup>1</sup>This David Betts was the son of Abner Betts (baptized Aug. 21, 1763,) who was son of David Betts, born Sept. 20, 1730, who was son of David,<sup>1st</sup>. who was son of Samuel,<sup>2d</sup>. son of Samuel,<sup>1st</sup>. son of

Thos. and Mary Betts, the settlers. David, nephew of Jared Betts, who married the Mrs. Wool, noted in the text, was father of the 1896 Mrs. Mary A. Betts Bristol, of New York City.





ried Oct. 7, 1743. Hezekiah and Grace (Hanford) Betts had a large family of children, two of whom, Alfred and Xenophon, were clergymen. Henry, their third son, born Nov. 26, 1794, was of inventive genius and an excellent man. He married second, Mary, daughter of Peter Ketchum. His wife, sister of Nancy (Mrs. Jas. S. Keeler, of Troy, N. Y.), was of saintly-consecrate life and walk. The father of the two daughters, Nancy and Mary Ketchum, at one time lived on Handsome Ridge, near the Oblong, and was accustomed to take the children by the hand and walk through the romantic "Luke wood" to visit their Hayes relatives, who resided where now stands St. John's Chapel, Lewisboro, N. Y. The two daughters, before death, loyally indicated their mother's tomb in the old "Beck's Hill" cemetery in Lewisboro. She was a member of the widely-known Hayes family of Westchester County. Peter Ketchum afterward owned the present Edgar K. Betts' acres in Saugatuck. Henry and Mary (Ketchum) Betts had one son, Edgar K., who married into the Gardiner family, of Rensselaer Co., N. Y., the Earle branch of which family has built the 1896 imposing crematory mausoleum in Oakwood cemetery, Troy, N. Y. Mr. Edgar K. Betts is a successful business man of Troy, N. Y., in which city he has important connection with the Earle & Wilson Manufacturing Company. His father, Henry Betts, made and saw "ran" probably the first steam craft that ever plied the Norwalk waters. The children of Capt. Hezekiah Betts (see note page 139) have been valuable members of society and have left behind them serviceable Norwalk memories. Mary Harriet Scott, daughter of Richard and Mehitable Scott and grand-daughter of Hezekiah and Grace Betts, maintains the old home to-day and represents the old-time family.

#### CHRISTOPHER COMSTOCK—THIRD OCCUPANT.

Sergeant Christopher Comstock,<sup>2</sup> the third proprietor of Home-lot XIII, had registration in Fairfield before he came to Norwalk. On Jan. 27, 1661, he bought the Thomas Betts property. Hither he brought his bride Hannah (daughter of Richard Platt<sup>1st</sup>), whom he had been married on Oct. 6, 1663. The bride was baptized Oct. 1, 1643, and was a sister of Mary (Mrs. Luke Atkinson, of New Haven) and Sarah (Mrs. Thomas

<sup>1</sup>Henry Betts married, first, in Northern Fairfield County, and had Amarylis (Mrs. Nathaniel Long), Courtland Palmer Swan, Julia S. (Mrs. Jared Olmstead), Mary E. (Mrs. Winchester) and Henry E. B.

<sup>2</sup>It is claimed that Christopher Comstock, of Norwalk, was the son of Frederic Komstohk, born at Frankfort, Germany, March 18, 1575, and who married, at Edinburgh, Scotland, Jan. 2, 1611, Mary McDonald. These had, it appears, five children, viz.: Samuel, born Feb. 6, 1612; Daniel, born Nov. 11, 1614; Christopher, born Oct. 21, 1618; John, born Mar. 25, 1625, and Catherine, born May 30, 1627. If this be correct, Mr. Comstock was about forty-five years old when he married Hannah Platt and was sixty-six at the birth of his youngest son Moses.

Christopher Comstock, of Fairfield, made, on March 29, 1654, affidavit, in New Haven, as to what goodwife Knapp said about "witches" in the "Thomas Staples versus Roger Ludlow" case.

It is further claimed that Mr. Comstock was born in about 1625, and that he was a Fairfield young Welshman and bachelor of three generations removed from Baron von Komstock. He owned a silver chalice or goblet upon which the Comstock coat of arms was engraved. This piece fell to his descendants, to whom it was bequeathed to the Wilton Congregational Church; by direction of the officers or members of which body it was finally melted up; and, in changed shape, exists now as a part of the Communion service of said Church.



## EVENTS CALENDAR FOR MARCH

**Fri. 3**

6:00-9:00 p.m. Free Prayer

**Sat. 4**

8:30-3:00 Ladies Day Away

**Sun. 12**

Mission Meal Sunday

Romania Team meeting after mission meal

5:00 p.m. Youth Leaders at CGS

6:00 p.m. PITS at home of

Rachel Busche

**Sun. 19**

6:00-9:00 p.m. Special Olympic

Sock Hop

**Sat. 25**

11:00-2:00 Ladies

Prayer Brunch at Pat

Mix's home

**Sun. 26**

Youth Service

5:00-7:00 p.m. Romania

Team meeting

**Fri. 31 6:30 p.m. to**

**Sat. 1 10:00 a.m.**

Youth Leaders Retreat

at CGS

\*Regular weekly church schedules

Sun. 1st and 3rd 6:00 p.m. MIME practice

Tues. 8-9 a.m. Ladies Walk 'n Pray

6:30 p.m. Adult Worship Team

Wed. 6:00 Youth Worship Team

6:15 Youth Leaders

6:30-8:30 Adult Choir practice

7:00 Youth Group

7:00-8:00 Good News Club

Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Adult Floor Hockey

1st Fri of each month 6:00-9:00 p.m. Free Prayer at the Mall

Exercise Classes: Mon & Thurs. 5:30-6:30p.m.

and Sat. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

\*\*Weekly Flock Groups are listed on the brochure in the foyer

\*\*\*Watch for Easter Musical rehearsal times to be posted

Samuel 12  
George 9  
David 4  
John 2

May 7  
March 12  
March 12



Beach, first, and second, Mrs. Miles Merwin, an ancestress of the late S. Irenæus Prime). Mrs. Comstock's brother, John, had married, June 6, 1660, Hannah Clark, of Milford, and taken up his residence in Norwalk, and himself and wife founded the Platt family of this town. To Christopher and Hannah Comstock were born nine children, viz.: Daniel, July 21, 1664, who married, June 13, 1692, Elizabeth, born 1667, daughter of John and Judith (Turner) Wheeler, of Fairfield; Hannah, born July 15, 1666, who lived in Milford; Abigail, born July 27, 1669, who died Feb. 9, 1687; Mary (Mrs. James St. John), born Feb. 19, 1671; Elizabeth (Mrs. Ebenezer St. John), born Oct. 7, 1674; Mercy (Mrs. Nathan Olmstead), born Nov. 12, 1676; Samuel, born Feb. 6, 1680; Nathan and Moses, the last of whom was born 1684. Mary and Elizabeth, daughters of Christopher and Hannah Comstock, married the brothers, James and Ebenezer, sons of Matthias St. John,<sup>2d</sup> and grandsons of Matthias St. John, Sr., and settler. Mercy Comstock (daughter of Christopher) was the second wife of Nathan Olmstead. Her brother, Samuel, married Dec. 27, 1705, Sarah, daughter of Rev. Thomas Hanford, and had Sarah, born Mar. 25, 1707, who married Daniel Betts, Jr., of Norwalk; Samuel, born Nov. 12, 1708; Mary (Mrs. John Trowbridge), born Aug. 5, 1710; Nathan, born 1713; Daniel; David, born 1720. Nathan and Moses Comstock were the two youngest sons of Christopher, Sr.

Of the daughters of Christopher Comstock, Sr., Hannah resided elsewhere than in Norwalk and Abigail died a young lady (Feb. 9, 1689). Mary married at the age of almost twenty-three (Dec. 18, 1693) James, son of Matthias St. John,<sup>2d</sup> and had five sons, James, Daniel, Samuel, Moses and Nehemiah St. John. Her sister Elizabeth married her husband's brother, Ebenezer, and had Daniel, Jacob, Ezra and Jemima who married Matthew Fitch. Mercy Comstock, next daughter of Christopher, Sr., married, as his second wife, Nathan, son of James and Phœbe (Barlow) Olmstead, and grandson of Richard Olmstead, the settler. It was Nathan and Mercy (Comstock) Olmstead's daughter, Mercy, who married Moses St. John, whose daughter, Mercy, married Capt. Jabez Gregory.

Samuel Comstock,<sup>1st</sup> son of Christopher, Sr., and brother of the just mentioned sisters, married at the age of twenty-five (Dec. 27, 1705), Sarah, daughter of Rev. Thomas Hanford. His children were Sarah, born March 25, 1707 (Mrs. Daniel Betts, Jr.) Samuel,<sup>2d</sup> born Nov. 12, 1708; Mary (Mrs. Daniel Trowbridge, of Danbury,) born Aug. 5, 1710; Nathan, born 1713; Lydia; Daniel; David, born 1720.

Moses Comstock, born 1684-5, son of Christopher, Sr., and brother of Samuel,<sup>1st</sup>, married, Feb. 23, 1709-10, Abigail, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Kellogg) Brinsmade, and grand-daughter of Daniel Kellogg, one of the Norwalk founders. His children were Sarah, Phœbe, Abigail, Hannah, Martha, Abijah, Moses,<sup>2d</sup> Dinah, Ruth. Of these daughters Hannah married Phineas Hanford; Martha married Ambrose Olmstead; Dinah married, second wife, Rev. John Eells, and Ruth married James Richards. The will of Moses Comstock<sup>1st</sup> was made January 24, 1754, and probated February 11, 1766. He died January 18, 1766.





OF SAMUEL COMSTOCK<sup>1ST</sup>. DESCENT.

Samuel Comstock, son of Christopher<sup>1ST</sup> and Hannah (Platt) Comstock, lived either upon or very near his father's home premises, and his father-in-law, Rev. Thos. Hanford resided at the corner on the opposite side of the street. Here, in all probability, was born, in 1713, a son, Nathan, whose destiny it was to found a large Wilton home. On March 7th, 1739, the young Nathan married Bethia, born 1714, daughter of Benajah Strong, of Fairfield. Nathan and Bethia Comstock chose for a residence the high land in North Wilton over against the Oblong. Their son Major Samuel Comstock, born 1739-40, grew to marry Mercy Mead and became a soldier-acquaintance of Gen. Lafayette, while their daughter, Mehitable, married, Oct. 28, 1762, John, son of Elnathan and Sarah (St. John) Hanford, which John and Mehitable (Comstock) Hanford brought up a large family on the present Lewis C. Green premises on the Winnipauk road (see note page 98).

Major Samuel Comstock and his sister Mehitable had a brother, Benajah Strong, born 1755, who married July 22, 1773, Abigail, daughter of David and Mary (Slauson) Westcott. These had a son, Jabez Fitch, born Feb. 22, 1774, who was married, June 6, 1799, by the Rev. Hezekiah Ripley, to Amelia, daughter of Rev. George Ogilvie, rector 1790-96 of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, which Comstock-Ogilvie union introduces the accompanying:

## OGILVIE FAMILY HISTORY.

Lancaster Symmes and Mary Lydias, of New York, were married Jan. 15, 1729, and had son Lancaster and daughters Elizabeth and Susanna Catherine. Elizabeth married Rev. Dr. Theodore F. Frelinghuysen, of Albany, and Susanna C. married, as his first wife, about 1756, Rev. Dr. John Ogilvie, of Trinity Parish, N. Y., and had George (Rev.) afterward of Norwalk. The first Mrs. Ogilvie died and her husband (Dr. John) married, second, April 15, 1769, Margaret Phillips, of "Phillips Patent," Dutchess County, N. Y.

Frederick Phillips, oldest son of Frederick and Johanna (Brockholes) Phillips, was the last Lord of the Manor of Phillipsburgh (opposite West Point). At the time of the Revolution he espoused the King's cause, and as a consequence the Phillipsburgh estate, east of the Hudson, was confiscated. Frederick, its former Lord, went to England. His brother, Phillip Phillips, became owner of a goodly portion of the Highland Patent, and having married Margaret, daughter of Nathaniel Marston, of New York, occupied this magnificent property. He died young, May 9, 1768, was buried in the Marston vault in Trinity Church-yard, N. Y., and his widow married within a year, Rev. John Ogilvie, D.D., an incumbent, for a short time before the Revolutionary War, of St. Paul's Parish, Norwalk. Dr. Ogilvie died Nov. 26, 1774, but left no children by Margaret, his second wife. His widow repaired to the old Phillips estate and there ended her days on Feb. 11, 1807. By her first husband, Phillip Phillips, she had a son, Nathaniel, born Aug. 5, 1756.



graduate of King's College (now Columbia) of class of 1773, who became an officer in the British Army, and was killed when only 21 years old, at the Battle of Germantown. (See note page 136).

It was somewhat after this that Thomas Hoyt, of Norwalk, married into the family, and that his neighbors, Thomas and Amos Belden, became land stewards of the Phillips possessions. (See note page 96).

Mrs. Ogilvie tenanted upon the Phillips, N. Y., estate until her decease, her dwelling being not far from Constitution Island on the Hudson. The donation received just after the Revolutionary War by St. Paul's Parish from "Mrs. Ogilvie and Mr. Phillips" was from this source.

Mrs. Ogilvie visited her stepson, Rev. George Ogilvie, born 1758, son of Dr. John and Susanna C. Ogilvie, graduate of King's College, 1774, incumbent of St. Paul's Parish, Norwalk, from 1790 to 1796 and died April 3, 1797. He was twice married, and from his daughter, Elizabeth Ann, born July 30, 1779, by his wife, Amelia Willett, daughter of Dr. Cornelius Willett, Westchester Co., there is Norwalk descent. Elizabeth Ogilvie married, on Christmas eve, 1795, Thomas, son of Samuel Belden, of Wilton, and grandson of John and Ruhama (Hill) Belden, of Norwalk, and had George Ogilvie, born in the spring of (March 28) 1797.

George Ogilvie, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Ann Belden, married July 19, 1821, Minerva Ann, only daughter of Elisha and Anna Heacock, of Washington, Litchfield County, Conn., and had Anne Eliza, born Oct. 17, 1822.

Anne Eliza, only daughter of Hon. George O. and Minerva Ann Belden, married in St. Michael's Church, Litchfield, June 27, 1842, Edwin Belden Webster, of Litchfield, and had George Ogilvie Webster, born July 29, 1843, U. S. A.; Edwin Belden Webster, born March 7, 1858, U. S. N.

The widow of Hon. George O. Belden died excellence-remembered in Norwalk, Sept. 9, 1874. Her daughter, the widow of Edwin Belden Webster, visited during his life time, her kinsman, the late Frederick Belden, of Norwalk, whose son, the late Webster Belden, took his first name from the Litchfield Webster family.

Edwin Belden Webster, son of Edwin and Anne Eliza Belden, and a paymaster in the United States Navy, was a Norwalk school youth.

Rev. Geo. Ogilvie's second daughter, Amelia, born Dec. 13, 1780, sister of Elizabeth Ann, married, June 16, 1799, Jabez Fitch Comstock, son of Benajah Strong Comstock, of North Wilton, and had John Ogilvie, born 1800; Elizabeth Ann; Samuel Willetts, born 1805, a New York merchant (Howland, Aspinwall & Co.); Mary; George Christopher; Amelia Susan; Alexander Adams; Martha Maria; William Ogilvie; Walter Bradley; Sarah, Margaret and Cornelius.

William Ogilvie, born May 11, 1815, son of Jabez Fitch and Amelia (Ogilvie) Comstock, married June 3, 1856, Margaret Eliot, born Oct. 11, 1831, daughter of Thomas and





Hannah Dawes<sup>1</sup> (Eliot) Lamb, and had William Ogilvie Comstock, who married Jan. 8, 1890, Madelaine, daughter of William and Clara (Tilson) Bryce, and had William Ogilvie and Clara Bryce.

Thomas Hoyt, before noted, son of Goold and Elizabeth (Dimon) Hoyt, married Jan. 5, 1795, Elizabeth Phillips, of the same Oblong family. The Phillips blood, however, in Norwalk to-day, is not, at least to any great extent, that of the Ogilvie-Phillips family, but rather as here appears.

#### THE EBENEZER PHILLIPS LINEAGE.

Ebenezer and Philetus Phillips,<sup>2</sup> sons of William Phillips, of Smithtown, L. I., and grandsons of Rev. Geo. Phillips,<sup>3</sup> a great-uncle of Dr. John Phillips, the founder of Phillips Academy, of Exeter, Mass., married two sisters, the first, Mary, the second, Esther, daughters of Daniel Benedict,<sup>4</sup> of Norwalk. The Phillips family were of Colonial fame. Rev. Geo., grandfather of Ebenezer Phillips, of Norwalk, was uncle of Hon. John Phillips, the first mayor of Boston, and great-uncle of Hon. Samuel Phillips, who was father of Judge Samuel Phillips, and grandfather of Rt. Rev. Dr. Phillips Brooks, late Bishop of Massachusetts.

Ebenezer Phillips, of the Oblong, born July 15, 1753, married, Jan. 17, 1782, Mary, daughter of Daniel Benedict, formerly of Norwalk, but later of Salem, Westchester Co., N. Y. Mr. Phillips<sup>5</sup> removed to Norwalk and resided, first, on Benedict's, now Prospect Hill. He afterward occupied the 1896 Bryan place. On Oct. 27, 1794, he purchased of Capt. Samuel Burrall, a relative of his wife, "the south building spot formerly belonging to Thos. Benedict," paying for the same the sum of ninety pounds. Here he built, in 1795,

<sup>1</sup>Rev. Andrew Eliot, of Fairfield (see page 246), had a brother Samuel whose son, William Greenleaf Eliot, married a daughter of Judge Thomas and Margaret (Greenleaf) Dawes. This Judge Thomas Dawes' father, Col. Thos., was first cousin of William Dawes, born 1745, died 1779, who rode with Paul Revere on a memorable Revolutionary night. Warren, Revere and Dawes planned and executed the Massachusetts alarm, Apr. 19, 1775.

<sup>2</sup>GENERATION I.—Christopher Phillips, of Norfolk County, England.

GENERATION II.—Rev. Geo. Phillips, born 1593, son of Christopher, was a Cambridge man held in high repute, arrived in Salem, Mass., 1630, with Sir Richard Saltonstall, was a planter of Watertown, Mass., and first minister there, married a daughter of Richard Sargent, and had:

GENERATION III.—Samuel, son of Rev. George Phillips, born 1625, Harvard graduate 1650, minister 1652, of Rowley, Mass., married Sarah, daughter of Samuel Appleton, of Ipswich, Mass., and had:

GENERATION IV.—George,<sup>2d</sup> born June 3, 1664.

Harvard graduate 1686, minister in Jamaica, L. I., 1693, married Sarah Hallett, daughter of William,<sup>2d</sup> and grand-daughter of William Hallett, proprietor, 1652, of the extensive Hallett's Cove (Astoria, L. I.) estate, and had:

GENERATION V.—Wm,<sup>3d</sup> of Smithtown, L. I., who, with wife Sybil, were parents of Ebenezer and Philetus Phillips, of Norwalk. The great grandchildren of Ebenezer Phillips, Mrs. Rev. D. L. Ferris, Edward C. Stuart, William S. and Mary P. Childer reside in Stamford and Norwalk to-day.

<sup>3</sup>Born 1664, died 1737, son of Rev. Samuel and Sarah (Appleton) Phillips, of Rowley, Mass.

<sup>4</sup>Son of Samuel and grandson of Thos. Benedict. His daughter, Anna, was the mother of Capt. Samuel Keeler, of War of 1812.

<sup>5</sup>He had a brother Zebulon, who married Anna Keeler, of Norwalk. Ebenezer Phillips removed in 1795 to the Van Buren house of 1896. When he left Benedict's, now Prospect Hill, he transplanted four saplings, which grew to become the fine West Ave. Stuart elms.



the "Phillips House," corner, to-day, of West Avenue and Prospect Hill Street. His children were :

ESTHER, born March 5, 1787; died Feb. 12, 1788.

ESTHER,<sup>ad</sup> born Apr. 17, 1788; married Edward Crosby.

SALLY, born Dec. 11, 1790; married Wm. P. Stuart.

ELIZABETH, born July 9, 1798; died Jan. 25, 1865, unmarried.

Edward Crosby, born Oct. 3, 1786, died Nov. 8, 1810, was son of Benjamin and Rachel Crosby, of Dutchess County, N. Y.<sup>1</sup> After his marriage to Esther Phillips he lived on the late Bryan premises on the upper harbor. He was young and known as a short-hand writer. He died soon after his marriage, leaving a daughter, Mary Phillips Crosby, who married Dr. Thomas Belden Butler, of Wethersfield, afterward Judge Thos. B. Butler, of Norwalk. Subsequently to her husband's decease Mrs. Edward Crosby built in about 1830, what has since been known as the Butler house on West Avenue, now the home of Mrs. Judge Butler's second cousin, Miss Mary P. Chichester. Judge Butler had no children. He died June 7, 1873, and his wife died July 10, 1878.

Sally, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary Phillips, married William P. Stuart, son of Ezekiel and Rhue Stuart, a merchant at No. 28 Exchange Place, N. Y., and had :

— died in infancy.

EDWARD WILLIAM, born Nov. 4, 1819; died Dec. 7, 1884.

MARY ELIZABETH; married E. V. A. Chichester.

Edward W. Stuart, son of Wm. P. and Sally Stuart, married April 30, 1856, Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Eli B. Bennett, of Norwalk, and had :

WILLIAM PHILLIPS, died young; EDWARD CROSBY;

MARY EVERSLEY, (Mrs. Rev. David L. Ferris).

Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Wm. P. and Sally Stuart, married Edwin Van Antwerp, son of Alfred Chichester, of Norwalk, and had :

MARY PHILLIPS;

WILLIAM STUART.

<sup>1</sup>This was a prominent family in said county, branch-embracing, as is believed, the family of the father and mother of Enoch Crosby, the Revolutionary "spy," who is buried in the Gilead Cemetery, Southeast, N. Y., his tombstone being thus inscribed: "In memory of Enoch Crosby, who died June 26, 1835, aged 85 years, 5 months and 21 days." He was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Crosby, of Barnstable, Mass. He removed (a family record testifies) when a young man, with his father to Carmel,

N. Y. His wife, born Jan. 14, 1755, was a widow Nickerson to whom he was married in 1785. His son, Enoch, Jr., born March 14, 1796, married, Feb. 7, 1836, Calista, daughter of Heckaliah Bailey, who was a cousin of Horace Bailey, the father of the late Mrs. Thaddeus Crane,\* of Somers, N. Y. Lewis, a brother of Enoch Crosby, Jr., married Cornelia, daughter of Joseph Crane, and had a son, Benjamin, who lived in New Canaan. The services for his country of Enoch Crosby, Sr. (the spy), are an imperishable record.

\*Daughter of Horace and Fanny (2nd wife) Bailey, of Somers, N. Y. Educated at St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, N. J., she afterward married Thaddeus Crane, Junior, of the extendedly known Thaddeus Crane family of Westchester County, N. Y., and was the devoted mother of one of the three lamented school youths, William Crane, Edward Morris and Charles Bostwick,

who, at the close of a holiday were drowned in the Norwalk waters, June 7, 1873. William Crane was a great-grandson of Col. Thaddeus Crane, of the Revolution. Edward Morris was a lad of English birth, whose promise interested the late John Ireland Tucker, D.D., of Troy, N. Y., and Charles Bostwick was a nephew of Gen. Wm. H. Seward, of Auburn, N. Y.

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## OF ABIJAH COMSTOCK LINE.

Gen. I.—CHRISTOPHER AND HANNAH (Platt) COMSTOCK.

“ II.—MOSES AND ABIGAIL (BRINSMADE) COMSTOCK.

“ III.—ABIJAH AND DEBORAH (BENEDICT) COMSTOCK.

Whatever may have been the age of Christopher Comstock or Comstocke at his Norwalk arrival, his wife, evidently, was very young and he brought her, as did Jacob Jennings, a century later his own bride, to a home already established. This home (formerly the Ely-Betts home) which Mr. Comstock a few years afterward converted into an “ordinary” or “inn,” was planted in one of the old settlement’s pleasant fields, and here was born, in 1684-5, his youngest son, Moses, who married February 23rd, 1709, Abigail, daughter of Daniel Brinsmade, of Stratford. Moses was twenty-four and Abigail eighteen when pronounced man and wife. The bride had quite possibly visited, before marriage, her Norwalk grandmother, Mrs. Daniel Kellogg, and here first met her future partner. To Moses and Abigail was born, among other children, Abijah, who upon reaching majority married, May 30th, 1745, one of the youngest of Norwalk brides (nine days short of seventeen years of age), Deborah, daughter of Thomas Benedict.<sup>4th</sup> The two were quite likely wedded in the bride’s home (the old red house which is remembered, to-day, and which stood a little southwest of the residence on West Avenue of Congressman E. J. Hill of 1896) and were waited upon by the four colored girls who were employed by Mrs. Comstock’s father. Mrs. Comstock was a sister of Thomas Benedict,<sup>5th</sup> a Norwalk merchant and public man, and also of the honored Mrs. Hannah (Benedict) Carter, of New Canaan, and herself and husband chose for their home the handsome acres at the extreme head of Five Mile River, and adjoining Winnipauke Ridge, close by the Oblong. Here was built the comfort-establishment, enlarged to-day, which now, in olden style, adorns the Vista farm and where, peacefully and in plenty, reside their descendants of the fourth generation. Abijah Comstock was a practical man and a man of conviction-courage. He believed the cherry to be the forbidden fruit, and consequently, albeit his house-grounds were cherry-productive, the birds unmolestedly feasted upon this product of his spreading estate. In the winter of 1747 (Jan. 26) his oldest son was born, who took his grandfather Benedict’s name, Thomas. This son ranged the fields and unquestionably worked the lands until Feb. 1, 1776, when he was married to Phoebe Selleck. Thomas and Phoebe planted themselves in Silvermine, in their father Comstock’s home, now the “Wardwell house.” In this house was born to them, on May 5, 1779, their son, Nathan Selleck Comstock, who lay an infant about two months old when Tryon-affrighted Norwalk mothers and children flocked to and filled the premises on the night preceding the town’s burning in 1779 (July 11). The patriotism of Thomas and Phoebe Comstock in receiving and caring for their unexpected guests was not forgotten; and when their son, the child of those fearful days (Nathan S.) reached manhood he saddle-rode from Silvermine to Ohio to look at the family-bestowed “fire lands” of that State. Nathan S. Comstock married Betty.





daughter of Ezra Seymour, of White Oak Shade (note page 115), and had the two children, living in 1896, the esteemed Seymour Comstock<sup>1</sup> and his sister, Mrs. David S. Rockwell, of New Canaan. Samuel Comstock (Maj.), born July 15, 1767, brother of Thomas and the youngest son of Abijah and Deborah Comstock, received the Vista farm from his father. He married, Dec. 6, 1793, Catherine, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Green) Clock, of Darien, and reared a family of twelve members. The undulating estate required industrious working. A good share of it was meadow and there were wood and orchard lands. The help was to some extent colored, and "Harry" out-doors and "Belinda" in-doors were kept continually employed. The old Vista store near by was at one time a busy spot. Such Norwalk men as Benj. Isaacs and John Cannon had accounts with it.

Samuel, Jr., born July 4, 1802, the oldest son of Maj. Samuel and the grandson of Abijah, had hardly completed his "schooling" when his father, in 1818, died. The youth was compelled to buckle on armor, which he manfully did, and became his widowed mother's arm. His brother William married and left home, as did also his brother, Rev. David Comstock. Thomas Anthony, the youngest brother, bought a site on Canaan Ridge. He married Polly, daughter of Samuel and Deborah (Raymond) Lockwood, who had a farm nearly adjoining their son-in-law. Anthony Comstock, Sr., had a son, Anthony, Jr., who is the head, to-day, of one of the benevolent organizations of New York City. Dinah, sister of Samuel Comstock, Jr., married Rev. Chester Isham, and Ruth, another sister, was principal of the New Haven Dwight Place Comstock Seminary.

Samuel Comstock, Jr., married, in 1837, Sarah, Daughter of David and Cynthia (Abbott) Comstock, of Comstock Hill (Silvermine), Norwalk. Their children were and are Hannah (deceased), Sarah, Eliza, Josephine, Clementine and Samuel. Samuel Comstock, Jr., died March 11, 1871. His widow, born 1812, survives to-day.

<sup>1</sup>Seymour Comstock still comfortably lives, at a prolonged age, at the foot of Church Hill (lower extremity of Haynes Ridge), New Canaan. He has been an excellent and enterprising resident of that town and has witnessed many changes therein. It seems to have been originally determined that the south end of Haynes Ridge should form the town's business and "town moot" (meeting) centre. Here was built the first meeting house, town house, school and, probably, store. There is a record of the layout of the Haynes highway before the parish was organized, and there are those living who tell that the seat of the local marketing was thence gradually transferred to its present site. New Canaan's primal "summer boarders" were accommodated in the neighborhood of Mr. Comstock's premises, while the remains of the ancient Boulton cider mill stand in his lot. Between Mr. Comstock's residence and the grounds of St. Mark's Church lay the former Hanford Fayerweather home-lot. Mr. F., although not a churchman, secured, by another's intercession, to

St. Mark's Parish, its present church site. He was a particular friend of Harriet, daughter of the patriot Capt. Stephen Betts, who was a St. Mark's pillar. The Episcopalians desired to remove from their old quarters—upper end Haynes Ridge—but found it difficult to obtain a new lot. Miss Harriet Betts pleaded with and finally prevailed upon Mr. Fayerweather and the prayer was granted. New Canaan was anciently Norwalk—approached via White Oak Shade, and the Stamford road lay somewhat west of the present business street. The town was Salem—reached via Haynes and Smith Ridges. These two ridges were connected by a highway running southwesterly from Smiths Ridge until it joined Haynes Ridge at the Col. Enoch St. John corner. Two familiar New Canaan and Salem old-time figures—seated finely upon the saddle—were those of Col. Enoch St. John and Col. Thatcher Hayes. A goodly portion of the route between Salem and New Canaan was once popular-bordered. Diverging to the east from the Salem highway, roads conduct to Wilton and Ridgefield.



## MOSES COMSTOCK LINEAGE.

The year 1684 had reached its last day when Norwalk's first Moses (son of Christopher) Comstock was born in, it is probable, that old Indian hiding lot (north corner, 1896, East Avenue and Fitch Street). The boy in all likelihood was a pupil of Thomas Hanford (son of Rev. Thos.) in the antiquated school building which seems to have stood just north of the East Norwalk Cemetery of this date.<sup>1</sup>

Leaving school training behind, the youth, as has been seen (note page 146) married Abigail Brinsmade and chose for a home-site the ground-rise known to-day as Comstock's Hill in lower Silvermine. Among his children, as enumerated on page 251, was Moses.<sup>2d</sup> This son, upon reaching maturity, founded his home near the brow of Northern Canoe Hill, since called "Ferris Hill," where his wife and himself brought up their children, Elizabeth, Phœbe, Sarah, Moses,<sup>3d</sup> Abijah, Aaron, Enos and Caleb. Moses Comstock,<sup>2d</sup> who died in 1789, was a man of probity, but one who had his peculiarities. At the foot of the hill (Ferris) on which he lived stretched a diversified tract through a portion of which to-day peacefully winds a small stream. The ancient name of this tract, the ownership of Moses Comstock,<sup>2d</sup> was "Comstock's Park."<sup>2</sup> Its proprietor stocked the territory with game, and it was a handsome addition to the Comstock estate.

Elizabeth, Sarah and Phœbe, daughters of Moses Comstock,<sup>2d</sup> are remembered to-day, the latter as the "Miss Phœbe" of fifty odd years ago. Moses,<sup>3d</sup> a brother of the three sisters, lived at the upper end of Haynes Ridge, New Canaan, a few rods west of

<sup>1</sup>Rear of the 1896 W. S. Hanford East Norwalk residence. This fact is ascertained from ancient records. The path leading to the "Plantinge" (Benedict's Farm, Pine Hill and Marvin Bros.' lands of 1896) branched, anciently, more at right angle from the "Towne Street." The Gregory's Point road of to-day, which has taken the place of the old "Pasture path," starts from about the same point (opposite Hanford's store of 1896) as did the former "way," but instead of running for a few rods due easterly and thence southerly, it cuts off a portion of the fathers' "burying ground," thus making a somewhat more direct line from the "Streete" to the "Neck" (East Avenue and Gregory's Point.) The bodies which were removed in this straightening process were, unquestionably, those of the earliest pioneers.

By careful perusal of preserved land and "proprietors'" records facts of ancient history-interest are disclosed. The first Norwalk "Town House" was, as is well known, the first meeting house. When, however, the second meeting house was built (on Earle's Hill) the use of said place of worship for secular purposes was abolished. A Town House proper had now, consequently, to be provided. A traveler through Norwalk, in 1704 (Madam Knight), was surprised to find the tavern close by the Church,

(both stood on Earle's Hill) and although her Norwalk landlord provided her with a savory lunch of venison, yet was she in no mood to recognize the consistency of the two buildings' locality-approximation. A good move, in this direction, had been commenced by shutting the Church doors against business intrusion, and hence we ascertain, from land records, that a "Town House" was built where now stands the Street line car house, cor. Knight and Wall Sts. This seems to have stood until the burning of the town, after which the new structure was planted on what is now called Town House Hill, which second recorded Town House gave way in 1835, to the present brick structure. The first parsonage was of course that of Rev. Thos. Hanford, corner of present East Avenue and Fort Point Street. The second parsonage-site was bought by the town (after Mr. Hanford's day, whose own home was private property). It was owned by Joseph Gregory and is to-day occupied by the Consolidated road for station purposes. It is on the east side of East Avenue. Its owner, Joseph, son of John Gregory,<sup>1st</sup> had twelve years before bought the first meeting house, for which he paid the sum of £12.

<sup>2</sup>This park and certain of the habits, etc., of its owner's family are touched upon in the following





his brother Aaron's home. Enos (or Enoch), another son of Moses,<sup>2d.</sup> married, Dec. 3, 1772, Ann Weed, and had eight children, the seventh of whom, Watts, born Dec. 19, 1790, was the New Canaan citizen of that name who built and occupied the brick building now the home of his son, Charles Comstock, of that town, and near the spacious Alexander summer country seat, at present in process of erection.

#### AARON (SON OF MOSES<sup>2d.</sup>) COMSTOCK LINE.

The leaves of the Upper Haynes Ridge trees had just fallen when on Oct. 21, 1780, Moses Comstock, son of Moses and Abigail (Brinsmade) Comstock, and grandson of Christopher, the settler, gave to his two sons, Moses and Aaron, broad acres at the Ridge's far end that heretofore had known the name of "Platt's Farm" embracing, in part, (1896) the New Canaan Child estate. The two brethren there peacefully lived and died. Aaron was precise and his sense of order was so early developed that the nice manner in which she kept her wool for spinning and the regularity in size and shape of her wool or flax skeins first led him to seek the hand in matrimony of Anne Hanford, his future wife. The two enjoyed their "parade ground" home and the visits to it of the large Comstock family, particularly of Aaron's honored sister, "Miss Phœbe," of Comstock's Hill, whose always neat appearance upon her pillioned horse and accompanied by her faithful "Onesi-

"Letters of a Traveler," published some years since by William Cullen Bryant:

"A robust old gentleman, a native of Norwalk, Conn., told us that he had been reading a history of that place by the Rev. Mr. Hall. 'I find,' said he, 'that in his account of the remarkable people of Norwalk he has omitted to speak of two of the most remarkable, two spinisters, Sarah and Phœbe Comstock, relatives of mine and friends of my youth, of whom I retain a vivid recollection. They were in opulent circumstances for the neighborhood in which they lived, possessing a farm of about two hundred acres; they were industrious, frugal and extremely charitable; but they never relieved a poor family without visiting it, and inquiring carefully into its circumstances. Sarah was the housekeeper and Phœbe the farmer. Phœbe knew nothing of kitchen matters, but she knew at what time of the year greensward should be broken up and corn planted and potatoes dug. She dropped Indian corn and sowed English grain with her own hands. In the time of planting or of harvest it was Sarah who visited and relieved the poor. I remember that they had various ways of employing the young people who called upon them. If it was late in the autumn, there was a chopping-board and chopping-knife ready, with the feet of neat-cattle, from which the oily parts had been extracted by boiling. 'You do not want to be idle,' they would say: 'Chop this meat and you shall have your share of the mince pies that we are going to make.' At other times a supply of old woolen stock-

ings were ready for unraveling. 'We know you do not want to be idle,' they would say. 'Here are some stockings which you would oblige us by unraveling.' If you asked what use they made of the spools of woolen thread obtained by this process, they would answer: 'We use it as the weft of the linsey-woolsey with which we clothe our negroes.' They had negro slaves in those times, and old "O'ne", a faithful black servant of theirs, who has seen more than a hundred years, is alive yet.

"They practiced one very peculiar piece of economy. The white hickory you know yields the purest and sweetest of saccharine juices. They had their hickory fuel cut into short billets, which before placing on the fire they laid on the andirons, a little in front of the blaze, so as to subject it to a pretty strong heat. This caused the syrup in the wood to drop from each end of the billet, where it was caught in a cup, and in this way a gallon or two was caught in the course of a fortnight. With this they flavored their nicest cakes.

"They died about thirty years since, one at the age of eighty-nine, and the other at the age of ninety. On the tomb-stone of one of them, it was recorded that she had been a member of the Church for seventy years. Their father was a remarkable man in his way. He was a rich man in his time, and kept a park of deer, one of the last known in Connecticut, for the purpose of supplying his table with venison. He prided himself on the strict and literal fulfilment of his word."



mus," is a Norwalk Revolutionary memory.<sup>1</sup> In that house (now Jones') hard by in that day, to the Haynes patrimony, and, for many a year after, next to the sunny Mitchell and Bonny residence, were reared their children:

THADDEUS, born Aug. 6, 1775, died young.

AARON, born Mar. 25, 1777.

THADDEUS,<sup>2d</sup> born Sept. 10, 1779.

LUCRETIA, born Sept. 7, 1782; married Gold, uncle of Prof. Samuel St. John, of New Canaan.

HANNAH, born Sept. 8, 1785; married Edward Nash, of New Canaan.

DANIEL, born Aug. 4, 1789.

ANNE (MARY ANN), born Feb. 12, 1790; married Erastus Seeley.

Aaron,<sup>2d</sup> son of Aaron Comstock, married Esther, daughter of Enos Kellogg.

#### SEYMOUR-COMSTOCK LINEAGE.

Maj. Jonathan Selleck, son of David and Susannah Selleck, the settlers, came to Stamford in 1660. He married, May 11, 1663, Abigail, daughter of Hon. Richard Law, of Stamford, "the first gentleman of the colony," and had Jonathan, born July 11, 1664, who married Jan. 5, 1685, Abigail, daughter of Maj. Nathan Gold, of Fairfield, and had Nathan, born Sept. 12, 1686, who married, Aug. 12, 1708, Susannah, daughter of William

<sup>1</sup>Miss Phœbe, born Sept. 26, 1763, and her sister, Sarah, left, finally, the Ferris Hill home and established themselves on the old Moses Comstock<sup>1st</sup> (their grandfather) estate on Comstock Hill. They were maiden ladies who kept the ancient place until it was accidentally set on fire by their slave, Onesimus. The old building having burned down, the sisters removed a few rods further down the hill (south) where they passed the remainder of their days. "Miss Phœbe's" reminiscences are found in "Hall's Norwalk," page 173. Their uncle, Abijah,<sup>1st</sup> (son of Moses<sup>1st</sup>) lived, first, in what is now the "Wardwell house" in Silvermine. It seems highly probable that he built the same. He surrendered it, however, to his son, Thomas, who there resided and there received the fleeing sufferers at the time of Tryon's fiery raid in 1779. When Abijah Comstock gave up his Silvermine home to his son, Thomas, he established the large farm in Vista, which his great grand-children to-day enjoy, and which is with grace presided over by his grand-daughter-in-law, the widow of Samuel Comstock<sup>2d</sup>, herself the daughter of David Comstock (son of David), of Comstock Hill.

The slave, Onesimus, before mentioned, was a character in his way. Older Norwalkers still remember him as seated upon one of the Comstock Hill horses, he rode, the attendant of Miss Phœbe, to and from Norwalk. "O'ne" was a Long Islander, born

before the Revolution. He was Norwalk-purchased by Sarah and Phœbe Comstock, the aunts of "Miss Phœbe." The lad's original bill of sale, of which a copy is here presented, is in the possession of Hon. A. H. Byington, of Norwalk. "O'ne" is said to have been the last slave owned in Connecticut.

"Norwalk, August the Ninth Day,  
in the Year, 1773.

"Know all men to whom these presents shall come that I, Jonathan Husted, of Brookhaven on Long Island, for the consideration of thirty-nine pounds, New York money, received to my full satisfaction of Sary Comstock and Phebe Comstock, I do bargain, sell and convey unto the above named Sary Comstock and Phebe Comstock, of Norwalk, in the County of Fairfield, one certain negro boy aged nine years the first day of November last named Onesimus, which I, the said Jonathan Husted, do sell for a slave for the term of his life which I do bind myself and my heirs and assigns to warrant secure and defend against all claims and demands whatever.

"In witness whereof, I have herein set my hand and seal, the day and date above said.

"JONATHAN HUSTED."

"Signed and delivered in presence of  
"JOHN MARVIN,  
MOSES COMSTOCK."





Hooker.<sup>1</sup> Mrs. Nathan Hooker Selleck died Oct. 5, 1709, leaving a daughter, Susannah, who married Joseph St. John, the father of Hooker, William and Buckingham St. John, of Norwalk. Nathan Selleck married, (see note page 126) second, Dec. 1710, Mary Sands, of Jamaica, L. I., who died July 15, 1712. He married, third, Jan. 1, 1713, Sarah Sands, cousin of his second wife, and had Nathan, born Sept. 15, 1726, who married, Sept. 17, 1745, Katherine, daughter of John Clock, of Stamford, who had Phœbe, who married, Feb. 1, 1776, as his second wife, Thos., son of Abijah, and Deborah Comstock, of New Canaan. Thomas<sup>2</sup> and Phœbe lived in the Wardwell house in Silvermine, which house three years after their marriage was crowded, at the time of Tryon's incendiarism, with Norwalk refugees. Their son, Nathan Selleck Comstock, married Betty, daughter of Ezra Seymour,<sup>3</sup> of White Oak Shade, and had Seymour, born 1804, who married Matilda, daugh-

<sup>1</sup>William Hooker was the third son of Rev. Samuel and Mary (Willetts) Hooker, of Farmington, Conn. His father was a son of Rev. Thomas Hooker, founder of Hartford, and his mother was a daughter of Capt. Thos. Willetts, of Plymouth, Mass., and the first Mayor of New York City. He was a brother of Mrs. Rev. Stephen Buckingham of Norwalk.

<sup>2</sup>On the afternoon before Norwalk was burned Thomas Comstock, born Jan. 26, 1747, was dwelling in peaceful security in the house now standing in Silvermine, west side of the road and second house above the "Crofoot corner" (See note page 115). The alarmed Norwalkers, however, soon put in an appearance, as hastening out of the doomed town they sought shelter in the suburbs. Mr. Comstock opened wide his doors to receive them and the refugees were made welcome. The times were stringent and it was difficult, at that date, to money-pay Mr. Comstock for the unexpected expense he had incurred. Two well-known benefitted Norwalk men, Simeon Raymond and Goold Hoyt, who themselves had suffered by the foreign incendiaries, generously proposed to surrender to Mr. Comstock any damage-claims which might ultimately stand in their favor. These claims were afterward satisfied by the Ohio "Firelands," apportionment, and as Messrs. Raymond and Hoyt's shares were put to Mr. Comstock's credit, the latter became proprietor of a Western estate. Time rolled along and it was not until 1806 that Mr. Comstock's son, Nathan S., determined, with some others, to journey to Ohio and look up land matters. The companions reached their destination, but the land was unmarked, and local information could not easily be obtained and the company returned from a bootless errand. Three years passed and Nathan S. Comstock, hoping for better things, arranged for a second investigation trip. He now took with him Darius Ferris, of Ferris Hill, not a half mile north of the Thos. Comstock place, and Elijah Hoyt. There is a record that the three men took a span of horses which, attached to a wagon,

drew the necessary implements for clearing up wild lands. After a long and wearisome journey they finally reached the mouth of Huron River, where they found a Moravian Mission house for the Indians. The Norwalkers were hospitably greeted and offered the use of the Mission quarters until they could complete a lodge further inland for their protection. The trio of men set themselves to work and it was not long before they asked the few white men in that part of the country to assist them in raising and putting up the new building, which was the very first house erected in the present township of Norwalk, Ohio, and which was built and owned by Nathan Selleck Comstock, grandfather of Stephen Comstock, of Morgan Avenue (1896), of Norwalk. The next year, Abijah, brother of Nathan S. Comstock, removed from this town to Ohio, and was the second settler of our namesake town in that Western State. He there remained and lived until 1857.

<sup>3</sup>The Seymour (Ezra) into whose family Nathan S. Comstock married, lived on the property now occupied by Selleck Y. St. John, on the Stamford road, New Canaan. Ezra Seymour's children were Ezra,<sup>2d</sup>, Holly, Henry, Betty (Mrs. Nathan S. Comstock), Abigail, Nancy, Hannah, Rebecca, Lavinia, Sybil.

Ezra<sup>2d</sup> was a farmer, who beyond carrying his produce to market, seldom left home. He was once in Silvermine, at a sister's funeral, but was never probably east of said locality, and he had been west as far as North Stamford and north as far as Ridgefield. He was unmarried, lived in primitive simplicity with his sister, Abigail, and gave his goods to St. Mark's Church, New Canaan. His sister, Betty, Mrs. Nathan S. Comstock, had a daughter, Betty, (sister of Seymour Comstock) born 1812, and baptized in Silvermine on the day of her mother's funeral and within a week of her father's decease, who married March 18, 1833, David S., son of Thomas H. Rockwell, of Ridgefield (See note page 114).

David S. Rockwell purchased the Davenport School property on Church Hill, New Canaan, (see





ter of Thaddeus and Rebecca (Lockwood) Hoyt, of White Oak Shade, and had Albert S., Stephen and William. Seymour Comstock married, second, Mary, widow of Benjamin Rogers, and was the step-father of H. B. Rogers, of New Canaan, who married for his second wife Edna, daughter of Edwin Hoyt, of New Canaan.

#### OF COMSTOCK DESCENT.

Gen. I.—CHRISTOPHER AND HANNAH (PLATT) COMSTOCK.

“ II.—MOSES AND ABIGAIL (BRINSMADE) COMSTOCK.

“ III.—PHINEAS AND HANNAH (COMSTOCK) HANFORD.

“ IV.—STEPHEN AND PHŒBE (FITCH) HANFORD.

“ V.—DAVID AND MARGARET (BAILEY) HANFORD.

“ VI.—CHARLES AND CAROLINE (HANFORD) YOUNG.

Charles and Caroline Young, who were married Sept. 6, 1836, were the parents of Mary, who married Judge Henry W. Bookstaver, of the Supreme Court, of New York (1896). Mrs. Judge Bookstaver had three children, Carmi and Harry, who died young, and Mary A. Margaret (Mrs. Rev. John Turner) and Helen (Mrs. E. Starr Lloyd), were Mrs. Bookstaver's sisters, and cousins of Thos. Cook Hanford of page 146. Phineas Hanford of Gen. III above, was the son of Eleazer and Hannah (Frisby) Hanford, which Eleazer was the son of Rev. Thomas and Mary (Ince) Hanford. Phineas Hanford's home was on Chestnut Hill. His son, Stephen, was a grandson of Abigail Brinsmade (Mrs. Moses Comstock), daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Kellogg) Brinsmade, and grand-daughter of Daniel Kellogg, the Norwalk settler of that name, and probably the largest man among the pioneers. He was seven feet in height and of proportionate dimensions otherwise. Stephen Hanford's grandmother, Abigail, was a sister of Lieut. Daniel Brinsmade, of Stratford, whose son was the Rev. Daniel Brinsmade, of Washington, Conn. Mrs. Stephen Hanford, born Sept. 5, 1733, was Phœbe, daughter of Elijah and Phœbe (Smith) Fitch and grand-daughter of James and Mary (Haynes) Fitch. Her Smith grandfather was Robert, who married Judith Fountain, of Greenwich (see note page 186), who

note page 114) and for 28 years maintained at that point a successful boarding school for boys. He disposed of the property to the Rev. Mr. Gilder, who conducted a school to which both sexes were admitted. During Mr. Gilder's incumbency the property was a short time occupied for school purposes by John Osborn, afterwards principal of a like institution on Strawberry Hill, Norwalk. After Mr. Osborn's tenancy Mr. Gilder returned to the property and retained it until his disposition of it to Dr. Willard Parker, of New York City. The elevation at the lower end of Haynes Ridge was considered one of the most desirable spots in early Norwalk. It was selected by the first New Canaan settlers for an ecclesiastical and academic site. The town academy

that anciently stood near the present H. B. Rogers premises was afterward removed, and planted near the present entrance to the senior Parker grounds.

Nathan Selleck Comstock married, second, Susannah, born September 17, 1780, daughter of Michael Lockwood, 1st. and aunt of Carmi Lockwood, of Norwalk. They had a son Ralph, who removed to California, where he died in 1893. He married, third, Esther, daughter of Samuel and grand-daughter of John Rusco, who lived west of Bald Hill, near lands now flooded by water of the new Norwalk reservoir. Had one child named Matilda, who married Roswell A. Raymond, of Norwalk, who had George, who married Julia, daughter of Thos. Mead, of the town of New Canaan.



made considerable land-purchase in Norwalk. Robert Smith,<sup>1</sup> who took Miss Judith Fountain to wife, was the son of Ebenezer Smith, of Jamaica, L. I. His Norwalk brothers and sisters were John, who married Magdaline Fountain (sister of Robert's wife), Samuel, Abraham and Mary (Mrs. John Gregory).

The Comstock-Sands blood is from Capt. James Sands, a native of Berkshire, England, who came to Plymouth, Mass., in 1658, and purchased Block Island in 1660. His daughter, Mary, was wife of Hon. John Thos., first Judge of Westchester Co., whose grandson, Samuel, married Mary, daughter of Thomas Pell, Lord of the Manor of Pelham, in Westchester Co., which Samuel was brother of the grandmother of Mrs. Thos. Comstock, of Silvermine. (See Bolton.)

<sup>1</sup>Robert, son of Ebenezer Smith, of Jamaica, L. I., appears (per document) first in Norwalk on May 2, 1729. On that date Rev. Moses Dickinson sold to him for £395 consideration, his home-lot of 4 acres, with dwelling house and barn thereon standing, and situated in that part of the present Earle property near to the Earle dwelling. His acreage extended from the town street west to Norwalk Creek, and between it and Oyster Shell Point lane on the north lay the home-lot of Caleb Hoyt.

On April 10, 1730, Robert Smith\* sold the rear of this property (reserving about one acre in front where his house and barn stood) to Joseph St. John, whose father's home adjoined that of Robert Smith's on the south. The young St. John paid Smith £126½ for the same.

On June 15, 1732, Robert Smith sold all that he still owned of the above mentioned property to his brother Abraham for £250.

The above transactions all took place after Robert Smith's marriage, on March 11, 1724, to Judith, daughter of James Fountain, of Greenwich, the child-  
ren of which Robert and Judith were:

FOUNTAIN, born Mar. 2, 1725.

JAMES, born Nov. 14, 1726.

ROBERT,<sup>2d</sup>

JUDITH, born Aug. 21, 1728; mar. Chas. Pope.

PHÆBE, born Sept. 21, 1730, died young.

\*John Smith, brother of Robert, married Magdaline, youngest daughter of James Fountain, of Greenwich, and sister of Robert Smith's wife. Judith and Magdaline Fountain, two future Norwalk mothers, lost their father when very young. The Probate Court, consequently, on Jan. 8, 1710, appointed Anthony Nougier, one of the "bankers" of Fairfield County, guardian for Judith, and Alexander Resseguie, for Magdaline.

<sup>1</sup>John<sup>1st</sup>, born Feb. 8, 1710-20, son of Col. James and Lydia (Smith) Lockwood, owned the East Avenue (1806) level of which the residence of the late Joseph W. Hubbell formed the northern limit, and he also held the summit of "Dry Hill" (Newtown Turnpike), which was afterward known as the Thatcher place. He had eight children: John, Matthew, Phineas, Seth, Polly (Mrs. Daniel Hyatt), Betty, Hannah, Jesse and Sarah (Mrs. Peter Buckout). As Mr. Lockwood, one year before he died (1788), gave to Sarah all of his deceased son Jesse's

PHÆBE, born Dec. 20, 1731; married, Oct. 25, 1752, Elijah, son of Jas. Fitch.

ABRAHAM, born May 17, 1734.

Fountain, the oldest son of Robert Smith, lived directly across the common from his father's, and immediately south of his great-grandson, the present Edmund Smith's home. Emerging from his house to learn the reason of the outcry on the morning of Tryon's invasion, he was taken by the British, put in temporary custody and sent to New York, where he died. His wife was afterward cared for by her son Hutton, at his home which he built on Strawberry Hill, the residence, in 1896, of Mrs. Albert Hyatt. The old lady's aversion ever afterwards to the King's American friends may have been a mute, nevertheless was it a marked dislike. It was the custom at that time for the "master" to board around, and as the Norwalk School was for a season headed by a "tory" teacher, the patriotic woman would quit the family table whenever said personage appeared at it. The children of Fountain and Hannah Smith (page 186) were:

SAMUEL; removed to Saratoga Co., N. Y.; no Norwalk record.

DANIEL; married had a family; lived in Balston.

MYER (perhaps Jeremiah); went West.

WILLIAM; went West.

JAMES;

EBENEZER; removed to Ridgefield.

HANNAH; married a Darrow, of Balston, N. Y.

HUTTON, married Phæbe Hyatt.

James Smith, son of Fountain, married, Sept. 14, 1780, Hannah, daughter of John Lockwood.<sup>†</sup> He lived in the old Hendricks house in Oyster Shell Point lane, and had James, born July 5, 1785, and John L., born Nov. 5, 1787.

portion, said Jesse having died in New York "without wife or children," it is inferred that these two were the only children by a last marriage. Seth, the fourth son, removed to Goshen, Conn., and to him fell the Dry Hill (Thatcher) property. John, the oldest son, married Abigail, daughter of Reuben and Eunice Taylor, and had: John, Reuben, Daniel, Peter, Abigail and Rhoda (Mrs. Ebenezer Thorp, Jr.). Phineas married a Smith, and was the father of Philip Lockwood, born 1766, who married a Snell, 1790, and had Ann, born March 31, 1791, who married Capt. John Barry, and had Catherine Ann, born Feb. 16, 1809, who married James Wilcox and had Marie Louise, who married Curtis Thompson, of the 1806 Bridgeport law firm of Thompson, Wakeman & Thompson. Hannah, daughter of John Lockwood, 1st, married James Smith, grandfather of the present Edmund Smith (son of Jno. L. Smith), of East Norwalk, which Edmund occupies his father's premises.





## OF COMSTOCK-BETTS BLOOD.

James St. John,<sup>2d</sup> son of Matthias,<sup>2d</sup> and grandson of Matthias St. John,<sup>1st</sup> married, Dec. 18, 1693, Mary, daughter of Christopher and Hannah Comstock. These had a daughter, Hannah, named for her Comstock grandmother, who married a Mead, and had Thaddeus, who married, July 27th, 1748, Rebecca, daughter of Samuel Betts,<sup>2d</sup> (son of Samuel<sup>1st</sup> and grandson of Thomas<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Betts). Thaddeus and Rebecca Mead had several children, among whom were Rebecca (Mrs. Phineas Keeler); Sabra (Mrs. David DeForest); Phœbe and Jasper. Jasper married, April 8, 1779, Elizabeth Benedict. He is reputed to have been one of the original members of the Connecticut Cincinnati, and to have had a son, Thaddeus, born March 16, 1781, who married Electa,<sup>1</sup> daughter of Nathan and Mary (Smith) Dauchy, of Ridgefield, to whom was born, June 21, 1813, Mary Elizabeth, who married the widely-known Dean Richmond, of New York State, formerly President of the New York Central Railroad. When Jasper Mead was a young man he parted with a handsome Saratoga County, N. Y., property, and had made over to him several Norwalk pieces of real estate. His father belonged in Norwalk, but he resided in Ridgefield, and the family had an interest in the ancient and modern extensive forest tract which lays immediately west of the 1896 "Cannons" Station of the Danbury division of the Consolidated road, and is known as "Rock House Woods." Here, as long ago as the days of Gov. Thomas Fitch was built, in the wild solitude, a habitation, probably a woodman's shelter.

Rebecca, sister of Joseph Mead, married, July 9, 1775, as his second wife, Phineas, son of Luke Keeler. Mr. Keeler had first married, May 16, 1769, Mary Camp, of the Milford-Norwalk branch. There were two children by this union, Luke and Anna. Luke, born Feb. 15, 1770, married May 20, 1793, Jemima, born Aug. 29, 1774, daughter of Stephen, son of Samuel Benedict, and was the Ohio Keeler emigrant, who like the Sherman's, left for the West in a "prairie schooner," and was one of the founders of Norwalk, Ohio. By the Mead union there were two Keeler children, Phœbe Baxter and

<sup>1</sup>Samuel, born July 1, 1769, brother of Electa (Dauchy) Mead, married, Dec. 6, 1789, Mary, daughter of Col. Philip Burr Bradley, whose Ridgefield home was the site of the present Bigelow residence in that town. To Samuel and Mary (Bradley) Dauchy was born July 11, 1800, Samuel,<sup>2d</sup> who married in 1822, Clarissa Kellogg, of Galway, N. Y. Mr. Dauchy died June 12, 1859, and his widow married Capt. L. H. Tupper, of Troy, N. Y., and a Hudson River steam commander not unknown in Norwalk. Nathan, born May 16, 1773, another brother of Mrs. Thaddeus Mead (Electa Dauchy), married, Nov. 13, 1794, Ruth, another daughter of Col. Philip B. Bradley, of Ridgefield, and had Chas, born June 21, 1805, who married Oct. 30, 1833, Hannah Maria, daughter

of John Waterbury, of Darien, Conn. Chas. Dauchy and his brother George were well known merchants and citizens of Troy, N. Y. Nathan, the oldest son of Charles and Hannah Maria Dauchy, resides at the present time in Darien. George, brother of Charles Dauchy, married Debby Ann, daughter of Lewis Richards, of Troy, N. Y., and had Ruth, who married Edward C. Pattison, of commercial and social standing in Troy, and her brother Henry B., who married Cordelia, daughter of the late S. R. P. and Mary Frances (Keeler) Camp, of Norwalk. Mary (Richards), sister of Mrs. Geo. Dauchy, married Edward Hill, formerly of the Fairfield County Bank, Norwalk. Louis R., son of Edward and Mary Hill, was a Norwalk school boy.



Thaddeus M. Sabra, another sister of Joseph Mead, married, as before stated, David DeForest.<sup>1</sup> Polly Dauchy, sister of Electa (Mrs. Thaddeus Mead), married Gould, son of Lieut. James Rockwell, of Ridgefield, and was the mother of the late venerable Gould Rockwell, of Ridgefield. Nathan Dauchy, the father of Electa and Polly, was the son of Vivas Dauchy, the Ridgefield Huguenot settler of that name. Said Vivas emigrated from New Rochelle to Ridgefield and married, first, Rachel, daughter of James and Mary (Hyatt) Wallace, of North Salem, N. Y. The Wallaces<sup>2</sup> were originally from Norwalk, and the ancestors of the present Mrs. Josiah R. Marvin, of East Norwalk.

### HOME-LOT XIV.

#### NATHANIEL RICHARDS.

This home-lot father was forty-eight years old when he was, in 1652, assigned a Norwalk home-lot. He had twenty years before landed, (Sept. 16, 1632) with his first wife in Boston. He came, well accredited, to the colony and selected for his first home-seat the present site of Harvard College, at Cambridge.<sup>3</sup> When Thomas Hooker, in 1632, made his wilderness-pilgrimage to Hartford Mr. Richards helped make up the party and was elected "orderer," or selectman, of that new town. He came with the pioneers to Norwalk and felled the trees and drained the land pertaining to his set-off acres fronting to-day the meadows of Oscar Raymond. Mr. Richards married, second, March 15, 1663, Rosamond, the widow of Deacon Henry Lindall,<sup>4</sup> of New Haven, and was consequently

<sup>1</sup>The Norwalk DeForest family originated in Stratford. The line, which has its proper place in Norwalk history, is genealogically an important one, and includes the story of the Bridgeport and New York City DeForests.

<sup>2</sup>James Wallace, as the tradition runs, was sailing through Long Island Sound and because, perhaps of the weariness of the trip or of his love of adventure, left the vessel as it passed the Norwalk Islands and was landed upon the Norwalk coast. He here formed the acquaintance of Mary, daughter of Thos.<sup>1st</sup> and Mary (St. John) Hyatt, and was married to her. Mrs. Mary Hyatt was a daughter of Matthias St. John, son of Matthias,<sup>1st</sup> so that the young stranger must have been well thought of. James and Mary Wallace had a daughter, Rachel, born 1711, who married Vivas Dauchy, of Ridgefield.

<sup>3</sup>He was so strongly endorsed that "probation" trial was dispensed with in his case and he was allowed to take the "Freeman's oath" shortly (twenty days) after his arrival. He built his house in Cambridge and there was neighbor to Rev. Thos. Hooker and Gov. John Haynes. He seems to have come to Norwalk before he was formally dismissed (Oct. 11, 1658,) from his last residence, Hartford. There is no American record of his children.

<sup>4</sup>Henry Lindall, who belonged to the rich New Haven Colony and was a deacon in the first Church of that Colony, left, at his decease in New Haven, a widow and four children, every one of which survivors married in Norwalk. The mother accepted the proffer of Nathaniel Richards, and her daughter, Rebecca, wedded the young John, son of Thos. Fitch,<sup>1st</sup>, the so considered, opulent Fitch founder of Norwalk. Jno. and Rebecca had a son, Nathaniel, named most probably, for his step-grandfather Richards. The young Nathaniel Fitch and his wife, Anna, had a son whom they named Lindall (after the lad's Lindall grandmother). Lindall grew to propose wedlock to Mary, daughter of John Bartlett, and grand-daughter of Wm. Haynes, and a daughter, Elizabeth, blessed this blood union of five well-known N. E. families. At the age of about sixteen Elizabeth Fitch (step-niece of Mrs. John Belden,<sup>3d</sup> of Norwalk) married a New Canaan man of twenty-two years, Justus, son of Zerubbabel and Dorothy Hoyt, and the father of the to-day recalled New Canaan "Miller Hoyt," whose quaint establishment utilized the Five Mile River water at a point a little southeast of the present New Canaan business center.

Justus Hoyt and his Elizabeth Fitch wife chose for a family seat the level since known as the Benj.





step-father to her four daughters (see page 121) who married in Norwalk. He died in 1681, and having mentioned his step-children in his will, he made bequeathments to Samuel Hayes and to "Rebecca Garcet now Rebecca Weller." He also left the sum of £10 to his minister, Rev. Thos. Hanford.

Nathaniel Richards was one of the early Norwalk millers, as per foot note on page 35, and was also active in the interests of the town.

The Norwalk Richards' are the descendants of Samuel (no relative it is probable of Nathaniel) Richards, who married, first, March 4, 1714, Elizabeth, born 1692, daughter of John Latham, of Norwalk; and, second, the widow Abigail Peck. The first Mrs. Samuel Richards died in 1751. Samuel and Elizabeth Richards had ten children.

#### HOME-LOT XV.

RICHARD OLMSTED.

Richard Olmsted,<sup>1</sup> proprietor of home-lot xv, was one of the most honored and honorable of the Norwalk settlers, and in this town's records his name date-leads all others. He was the new settlement's surveyor and was probably more practically versed with the topography of the plantation than any other member of the Norwalk company. His first bit of work would appear to have been the layout of the "Towne Street," which extended, originally, from Beacham's lane to the crest of Goodman Hoyt's Hill; from the south end, that is, of the East Norwalk Cemetery of 1896 to the highest point of the "Earle's Hill" of the same year. Along this straight and, for the greater part, level, street, every one of the resident-named "Ludlow agreement" planters built. Their contiguous homes were of simple construction but their Olmsted, Marvin, Fitch, St. John and other tenants were solid people. Mr. Olmsted's domicile stood nearly midway (south of

Hoyt hearthstone, on the east side of the street as one approaches the present "New Canaan hotel." A large family was here reared, one member of which, Justus,<sup>2d</sup> has been referred to. Another child, Stephen, (Capt.) who was born near "Trayning-day," 1770, and was baptized on the eve of his "eighth day" of age, married, at twenty-four, Polly, daughter of Deacon John and Hannah (Benedict) Carter, and a niece of the proprietor (Abijah Comstock) of the many Oblong-adjoining acres, now known as the Samuel Comstock New Canaan farm. Captain Stephen and Polly (Carter) Hoyt, had a daughter, Polly, who married Bradley Keeler, whose carriage establishment afterward adjoined, or nearly so, his wife's grandfather's home.

Between the Bouton Hoyt New Canaan grist mill and that of Justus Hoyt stood the Col. Wm. Watson mill, afterward Young's axe mill. These milling industries were planted on Five Mile River, the waters

of which small stream, from its rise in Vista to its mouth at the Rowayton of 1896, were at several points mill-used. Mrs. Col. Watson and Mr. Young were both drowned near the site of the Watson mill.

<sup>1</sup>Upon the list "of all persons holding land in Hartford, in Feb., 1639," occur the names of James, Nicholas, John and Richard Olmsted. James is supposed to have been the father of Nicholas and the uncle of John and Richard. John and Richard's uncle, in whose company they came, it is believed, to America left them, at his decease, a small legacy. Richard was one of the petitioners in 1650, for the planting of Norwalk, and he is the third one mentioned in the governor and company's patent to the Norwalk proprietors, upon the extant records of which proprietors, volume one, page one, line one, his name appears. Four acres and one rood were apportioned to him for a home-lot, which lay on the east side of the Town Street, not far from the





Rider home of 1896) between the street's extremes. Richard Olmsted was forty-two years old when he arrived from Hartford, in Norwalk, with his two sons, James and John, the second of whom was an infant under, it is to be presumed, two years of age. The father had been twice married (see his will, made Sept. 5, 1684). His Norwich brother, John, was married but left no issue. John Olmsted, of Norwich, died before 1679. His wife (see Caulkins) eventually bequeathed a right in "two thousand Norwich acres to her late husband's near kinsmen, Lieut. James and Ensign John Olmsted, of Norwalk." The supposition of an Olmsted-Marvin affinity receives strength from a devisement in Richard Olmsted's will to Samuel Smith of "ye bed, etc., of my last wives," said Smith having married a daughter of Matthew Marvin.<sup>1st</sup> Both sons of Richard Olmsted were, it is probable, quite young when the family came to Norwalk. James, the older of the two, married, May 1, 1673, Phœbe, daughter of Thos. Barlow, of Fairfield, and had James, Joseph, Nathan, Samuel and John. Ensign John (brother of James), who was baptized Dec. 30, 1649, married July 17, 1673, Mary, daughter of Thomas<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Benedict, by whom he had his children, Mary, Sarah (Mrs. Jonathan Abbott), Rebecca (Mrs. Samuel St. John), Elizabeth (Mrs. Henry Whitney), Daniel, Jane (Mrs. Benj. Wilson), Richard, Eunice, Deborah, Abigail, Anna and John.

Mary, the oldest child of Lieut. John and Mary (Benedict) Olmsted, was probably born in the meadow home, neighbor-site of the recently improved Oscar Raymond East Avenue house.<sup>1</sup> She was a sister-in-law of such early known Norwalk personages as Samuel St. John and Henry Whitney, and married in the spring (May 9) of 1694. Thomas, son of John<sup>1st</sup> and Ann (Mrs. Ann Derby) Reed, of "Reed's Farm," Norwalk. Mary's

(1896) East Norwalk Rider home. His neighbor to the south was Nathaniel Ely, and to the north Thomas Hale. In his rear lay the common land, and he fronted the Town Street. On the opposite side of the street tenanted Matthew Marvin, Sr., and Thomas Fitch, Sr., so that the three homes of, respectively, Norwalk's maiden Justice, Commissioner and Recorder lay in close proximity. Richard Olmsted was a public official, and was Norwalk's first Clerk. He died, it is probable, in the autumn of 1686, having been twice married, and having survived both wives and one daughter, and leaving behind two children, both by his first wife, viz.: Sergeant James and Lieut. John Olmsted, from whom the Norwalk Olmsted's have descended. James was his older son, but he gave his home-lot to John. On February 1, 1715, eleven-thirteenths of this homestead, which had been in the possession of the father and son "for upwards of fifty years," was sold to Thos. Fitch,<sup>3d</sup> the father of the Governor, whose home adjoined the Olmsted's on the north, occupying about the site of Oscar Raymond's property to-day. This same "eleven-thirteenths" Olmsted homestead, plus enough Fitch land to make out six acres, was the legacy on Jan. 6, 1729, of Thos. Fitch<sup>3d</sup> to his son, Samuel, the brother of

the Governor, which estate was the cradle of, among other children, Elizabeth Fitch, the mother of Moses Fitch, Nehemiah and Henry Rogers.

<sup>1</sup>The rear of this house was, it seems, the dwelling place of Haynes, son of James and Mary (Buckingham-Haynes) Fitch. Mr. Raymond has plaster-covered the ancient visibly-protruding posts and joists, but the structure, notwithstanding the recent veranda-addition, preserves its antique look. The place fell, afterwards, to Jonathan (son of Daniel) Fitch, who there took his wife, Sarah, daughter of James Cannon. Mrs. Jonathan Fitch long survived her husband and was, in her age, the tender care of her daughter, Mrs. Stephen Raymond. The devotion of this daughter and her sister, Rebecca, Mrs. James Mallory, to their mother was remarkable and beautiful. Mrs. Mallory was married in the north parlor of this house and removed to her new home on Mill Hill, but her carriage stood, almost daily, before her honored parent's door. This parent passed a serene age and was at last gently gathered to her Cannon fathers. Her grand-daughter, Mrs. Oscar Raymond, has some handsome Cannon china and glassware in her possession. The house is now one of Norwalk's older dwellings.



married home lay some three or four miles southwest of her father's "Town Street" domicile, and nigh to the "Rowalton" waters. Her husband's family came thither from Westchester County, having previously been English Cromwell-loyalists. Thomas and May Reed had just established themselves at the "Farms" when a new groom and bride, John and Elizabeth Boulton, there founded a home. The Reeds and Boultons had been fellow-Cromwellians, from the latter of whom have descended the family of the Ohio banker, Jay O. Moss, and a younger branch of the Jay Cooke, Philadelphia, banking firm.

To Thomas and Mary (Olmsted) Reed was born, Aug. 7, 1701, a son, John, who was the father of Ann, who married, Dec. 7, 1738, Eliakim, born, July 8, 1717, son of Edmond and Elizabeth (Bouton) Waring or Warren, from which union sprang the here following:

REED-OLMSTED-ELIAKIM WARREN LINEAGE.

On the last day of the winter of 1706-7 the convened early Norwalkers (see page 30) constituted Joseph St. John and Samuel Keeler a committee to care for East Saugatuck lands. On this same date a new purchaser appeared and bargained with the father of Gov. Thos. Fitch for a tract as centre-remote perhaps as Saugatuck, but which formed a portion of the eligible height once ruled by the Sachem Runckingeage, and since known by the name of "Roton Hill." This stranger-investor, Edmond Waring or Warren, Sr., hailed from Queen's Village, L. I., but was not totally unknown in Norwalk. He had frequently, it is possible, sailed to this town from his own island home (on the Sound almost opposite Norwalk) as eight years before he had married, a Norwalk youth of nineteen, Elizabeth, daughter of John Bouton, and taken her to Queen's Village, where he founded a large family, the members of which came, afterward, to be well versed with Norwalk. His children, who were mostly born on Long Island, were:

Edmond, Jr., born Sept. 16, 1700.

Isaac, born Jan. 13, 1702.

John, born Dec. 21, 1704.

Solomon, born Apr. 24, 1707.

Mary, born Dec. 22, 1708.

(Mrs. Henry Henman.)

Nathan, born Feb. 6, 1710-11.

Jacob, born Jan. 15, 1712-13.

Michael, born July 16, 1715.

Eliakim,<sup>1st</sup> born July 8, 1717.

Elizabeth, born March 8, 1719-20.

(Mrs. Edward Nash.)

Abigail, born Apr. 19, 1723.

(Mrs. Samuel Richards, Jr.)<sup>1</sup>

Hannah, b. in Norwalk, Sept. 7, 1725.

(Mrs. James Richards.)<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Abigail Warren (Mrs. Samuel Richards, Jr.) was seven years the junior of her husband. She died July 23, 1784, having had two sons, Samuel and Isaac, and two daughters, Esther and Elizabeth. Her youngest son and child, Isaac, born Sept. 15, 1759, married Hannah Benedict (see note page 123.) Isaac and Hannah Richards made eligible purchase and founded one of the most peaceful of homes a little to the west of lower Smith's Ridge. The old house-frame is almost fallen to pieces but children's child-

ren have cause to revere its worthy story. Edmond Warren, Sr., was not in the flesh when his grandson, Isaac Richards, planted the hearthstone, near the ancient Pequot wild, and which to-day is almost a ruin, but to the widely sprinkled Warren-Bouton blood of 1896, the spot is a family shrine. The title to-day to the Isaac Richards acres is in Mr. Richard's great grandson's (Dr. Samuel St. John<sup>2d</sup>.) name.

<sup>2</sup>This youngest daughter of Edmond Warren, Sr., married a brother of her sister Abigail's hus-





Eliakim,<sup>1st</sup> ninth child of Edmond and Elizabeth Warren, was but a youth when the family removed to Norwalk. Hard by his father's house lay the Reed family seat, the founder of which was Jno. Reed, Sr., whose grandson, Jno. (son of Thos.), had a daughter, Anne, who, on Dec. 7, 1738, was married to Eliakim Warren,<sup>1st</sup> the union-offspring being:

Zaccheus, born Oct. 19, 1741.

Anne, baptized July 30, 1749.

Jesse, born June 14, 1744.

Abigail, baptized March 29, 1752.

Eliakim,<sup>2d</sup> born Feb. 9, 1747.

Moses, baptized Dec. 29, 1754.

Hannah, baptized Apr. 6, 1757.

Eliakim,<sup>2d</sup> whom Rev. Moses Mather, of Middlesex (Darien), baptized<sup>1</sup> at one

band, Capt. James Richards, of New Canaan. The Captain was born Oct. 29, 1723. He was thrice married, but by Hannah Warren, his first wife, he had Jas. Richards,<sup>2d</sup> born Dec. 9, 1744, who married Feb. 27, 1766, Ruth daughter of Samuel Hanford, and had James (D.D.), born Oct. 29, 1767. The Richards descendants of Edmond Warren through his daughter Hannah as well as through Abigail, were notable. Capt. James Richards<sup>2d</sup> began life as a clerk, becoming afterward a soldier and sailor. He was present, in arms, at the invasion of Danbury and Norwalk. His vessel brought from England the mother of a Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Elizabeth Walmsley, who, dying in Fairfield County (Seward house, north of Smith's Ridge) is buried near the entrance of the old St. Mark's Cemetery on Haynes Ridge, New Canaan. The wife of Capt. James Richards,<sup>2d</sup> Ruth Hanford, was a daughter of Samuel, and grand-daughter of Eleazer, and a great grand-daughter of Rev. Thos. Hanford, of Norwalk. Ruth Hanford's mother was a daughter of Moses Comstock. Rev. Dr. James Richards, son of Capt. James,<sup>2d</sup> was born Oct. 29, 1767, and became an eminent Professor of Divinity in the Presbyterian Seminary at Auburn, N. Y. He is buried in the Auburn Cemetery near the tomb of Edwin Hall, D.D., formerly pastor of the First Congregational Church, of Norwalk, and in later life an Auburn Seminary Professor. Both Connecticut divines sleep within a short distance of the ingeniously stone-heaped memorial to the Indian Logan.

Eliakim Warren<sup>2d</sup> had, before marriage, belonged to the Middlesex (Darien) Church, of which body the Warrens had, evidently, been strong supporters.\* Mr. Warren had now, however, wedded an Episcopalian, and in 1787, was elected Vestryman of St.

Paul's, Norwalk. Eleven years afterward he removed to Troy, N. Y., and there was instrumental in the organization of the first Episcopal Parish of that new centre. Mrs. Warren's sister, Hannah, had married Jonathan Camp,<sup>3d</sup> of Norwalk, the sister of whom, Rebecca, was Mrs. Daniel Nash, of Westport, who was careful to recount to her children the following facts relating to the Troy Church: After the settling of the Warrens in Troy they were visited by their Conn. relatives, at the close of one of which visits Mrs. Warren journeyed down the Hudson (by sloop) with her company and during the trip gave expression to the thought uppermost in her mind, viz. (see note page 57) that efforts looking to the erection of a Church in Troy ought at once be made, and the wish that the same might be modeled after their old spiritual home in Norwalk. In confirmation of this statement, fresh to this day in the remembrance of the Nash household, it may be remarked that the original St. Paul's, Troy (cor. Third and Congress Sts.), corresponded in size with the Norwalk St. Paul's of that day (supposed to have been the earliest consecrated Episcopal Church in America) and was its architecture-second. The circular-headed windows were of like pattern (Mrs. Nash's husband designed the Norwalk heads) and the chancel was almost the exact counterpart of that of the Norwalk sanctuary, while the pews preserved, to the last, much of their New England-like arrangement and appearance. As the worshipers entered these and silently knelt around the little table in the centre, covered with a green fabric, and spread with the family prayer-book, one was happily and helpfully reminded of the godly simplicity and sincerity of the fathers' times.† One part of this Troy structure was quietly denominated

\*At a meeting of the Consociation of the Western Churches of Fairfield County, convened at Middlesex, June 5 and 6, 1744, and under the direction of such divines as Jno. Ingersoll, Robt. Silliman, Moses Dickinson and Noah Hobart, and to which such laymen as Col. Thomas Fitch, of Norwalk, and Matthew Gregory, of Wilton, and Ebenezer Carter, of New Canaan, were "Messengers," Edmond and Eliakim Warren (1st.) were the chosen Middlesex delegates to enter, with the other lay mes-

sengers, into solemn covenant relation "according to the constitution of the Churches in this government." The wives of Edmond and Eliakim Warren 1st. were, at that time, added to the Church by letters of recommendation.

†The family pew, in this old Church, of Hon. G. M. Tibbits, preserved, until the Church was taken down, its reverent style-appropriateness. The Church faced south. The tower in the Norwalk Church was at the west end.



month, lacking one day, of age, grew up near neighbor to Esaias Bouton, whose daughter, Phœbe, he married Jan. 17, 1771. Phœbe was only seventeen when her partner took her from her seaside home (see page 55) to be his bride, but she proved one of the truest of wives and women. The children, all born in Norwalk, were:

Esaias, born Oct. 16, 1771.

Nathan, born May 1, 1777.

Hannah,<sup>1st</sup> b. July 19, 1773; d. Jan. 1775. Stephen, born Mar. 9, 1783.

Hannah,<sup>2d</sup> b. Aug. 30, 1775; d. 1776. Hannah,<sup>3d</sup> born July 9, 1793.

In 1798 Eliakim<sup>2d</sup> and Phœbe (Bouton) Warren, with their children, broke up the Norwalk hearthstone to take up their abode in the new city of Troy, Rensselaer County, New York. They had just had a sailing vessel built for them at Rowayton' aboard of which, quitting their native, Sound-skirted hearthstone, they embarked, bound for their future habitation on the east bank of the upper Hudson, where it was to fall to the family to establish a name of great worth and weight and to lead in the origination of one of the most important ecclesiastical organizations of the Empire State.

#### ESAIAS WARREN.

Esaias, oldest son of Eliakim Warren,<sup>2d</sup> was married when the sails of the "Three Brothers" were hoisted in the Norwalk Harbor, and the vessel's prow was Troy-pointed.

"Norwalk," as there sat the Warrens, Boutons, Kelloggs, Crafts and Cannons, who emigrated from the mother town. At the first recorded Troy administration of the Holy Communion three lay members partook thereof, two of the three being Eliakim and Phœbe Warren.

The Warren family sailed out of Norwalk harbor (Rowayton 1896) in 1798, and made the entire trip to Troy by water. The party was composed of the parents and their children. The oldest son, Esaias, had anticipated the family's Troy-arrival. Upon reaching the place they found it as the son, Esaias, had reported, a growing village, and the father with his sons became mercantile-engaged under the firm name of "E. Warren & Co." Esaias had married the year before the family's Norwalk-departure. The two other sons, Nathan and Stephen, married later. Of the three sisters-in-law, the Mrs. Esaias, Nathan and Stephen Warren, two were from Conn. and one from the State of New York. Mrs. Esaias Warren (Lydia Scofield) was from the Bells, who were stirring citizens. Capt. James Bell (see note page 94) was an alert man, and through the instrumentality of Mrs. Warren's active second cousin, Hon. Thaddeus Bell, the name Darien was made to supplant that of Middlesex. Mrs. Nathan Warren (Mary Bouton) was, on her mother's side, a Burlock. This is a name ancestral with a large branch of the DeForest family also. Mrs. Benj. DeForest, of years ago, whose

elegance is Fairfield County-remembered, was a Burlock maiden, whom her destined partner found near the northern confines of older Norwalk. Mrs. Nathan Warren, whose mother was Abigail Burlock, was of a deeply spiritual nature, and her life was consecrated to religion. Mrs. Stephen Warren (Mary Cornell Mabbett) was a Rensselaer County daughter of worth and womanly dignity. She impressed one, but at the same time her manner-grace put one entirely at ease in her presence.

Eliakim Warren,<sup>2d</sup> had an older Norwalk cousin who lived in his not distant vicinity. Joseph,<sup>1st</sup> son of Edmond,<sup>2d</sup> who was an uncle of Eliakim Warren,<sup>2d</sup>. This Joseph<sup>1st</sup> was the grandfather of the well-known and to-day well-remembered Samuel B. Warren, of Flax Hill. Joseph Warren,<sup>2d</sup> son of Joseph,<sup>1st</sup> was accustomed to tell of the kinship between his own and the family of Joseph, the father of Maj. General Warren, of 1775. This Joseph,<sup>2d</sup> second cousin of Eliakim,<sup>2d</sup> was, at the date of the latter's Troy-emigration, owner of the Norwalk and New York packet line, which was composed of the two sloops, "Griffin" and "Republican." His descendants insist upon the Massachusetts-Warren relationship.

"This sloop was named the "Three Brothers." It was 50 ft. keel, 20 ft. beam and 6 ft. hold and rated 64 tons. Henry Johnson, Jr., was the builder, and it was completed July 3, 1797. Five Mile River (Rowayton 1896) was convenient to Long Island Sound.





He had previously visited Troy, and, encouraged by the outlook, arranged for the family's removal thither. His bride, who was born on the brow of the hill on the old Middlesex road, a little to the east of the Middlesex Church, was a daughter of Gershom and Lydia (Bell) Scofield. Mrs. Gershom Scofield, born Nov. 2, 1750, and the daughter of Jonathan<sup>1</sup> and Lydia (Hoyt) Bell, lived to a great age. Her family was broadly known.

Esaías and Lydia Warren were married in Middlesex on Jan. 11 (according to Church record), 1797, and had :

Geo. Bouton, born Sept. 25, 1797.

Eliza Ann, born March 22, 1801.

(Mrs. John Paine.)

Phoebe, born Sept. 6, 1804.

Lydia, born Dec. 27, 1808.

(Mrs. Benj. Ogle Tayloe.)

(Mrs. Alfred Brooks.)

Wm. Henry, born July 28, 1814.

Geo. B., oldest child of Esaías and Lydia Warren, and born the autumn before the major portion of the family left Norwalk, became a citizen of large interests and influence in his parents' new home. He was a director of the old Troy Insurance Co., Troy City Bank, Troy Gas Light Co., an officer of the Troy Street Railway Co., and the type of a gentleman of a half-century ago. He married, first, Sept 15, 1823, Mary Meyers Bowers, of Cooperstown, N. Y., and, second, Emily Bowers Collins, of the same place. His children were John E.,<sup>2</sup> born 1827, Geo. B. Jr.,<sup>3</sup> born 1828, Chas. S., born 1832, and Mary B.,<sup>4</sup> (Mrs. J. A. Manning), born 1836.

Eliza Ann, oldest daughter of Esaías and Lydia Warren, married John Paine, of Troy, and lived in affluence on the corner of First and State Streets. As a girl, Eliza A. (with her sister, Phoebe,) visited Norwalk (see note page 56) and in later life dignifiedly filled her place in society. Her sons, John and Warren, were well-known Troy young men, and her daughter Elizabeth was a social favorite. This daughter married Commodore Cicero Price, U. S. N., and had Lillian W., who married, first, Louis Carre Hammersly, whose great-uncle's striking portrait adorns Norwalk private walls, and, second, the Duke of Marlborough.

Phoebe, second daughter of Esaías and Lydia Warren, married Benj. Ogle Tayloe, of the United States Capital, and her sister, Lydia, married Alfred Brooks, of Medford,

<sup>1</sup>From existing Stamford and Norwalk Bell records it appears that Mrs. Esaías Warren's Bell descent is from Francis Bell, the pioneer, through said Francis' son, Jonathan<sup>1st</sup> and (Mercie (Crane) Bell. Jonathan,<sup>2d</sup> born Feb. 14, 1663, son of Jonathan,<sup>1st</sup> married, March 22d, 1693, Grace Kitchell, and had Jonathan,<sup>3d</sup> born Jan. 15, 1693-4. Jonathan<sup>3d</sup> married Eunice Reed, of Norwalk, and had Jonathan<sup>4th</sup> who was Mrs. Warren's grandfather on the Bell side. Martha, sister of Jonathan,<sup>4th</sup> was the grandmother of Hon. John Cotton Smith.

<sup>2</sup>John Esaías Warren married, 1853, Charlotte R.

Crain, of Herkimer, N. Y., and had Mary Narina, born 1855, died 1895; Paul Warren, born 1850.

<sup>3</sup>George Bouton Warren, Junior, married, 1856, Eugenia Phoebe Tayloe, of Washington, D. C., and had Mary Bowers, born 1859; Anna Tayloe, born 1863; Ogle Tayloe, born 1866; George Thornton, born 1868; Eugene, born 1873.

<sup>4</sup>Mary Bowers Warren, married, 1861, John A. Manning, of Troy, N. Y., and had George Warren, born 1862; William Henry, born 1867; Mary Emily, born 1871; Charles Stewart, born 1876, died 1893, a youth of seventeen; Jennie B.; Mary C.





Mass. Geo. B. Warren, Sr., and his three sisters had a young brother, Wm. Henry, born July 28, 1814, who did not live to see twelve months of age.

#### NATHAN WARREN.

Three days after the British had passed through alarmed upper Norwalk on their retreat from the burning of Danbury, and in the Roton-Middlesex neighborhood, which so broadly commanded Long Island Sound and the enemy's rendezvous on the thither side of the same, was born, Thursday, May 1, 1777, Nathan, the second son of Eliakim<sup>2d</sup> and Phœbe Warren. Nathan was a young man of twenty-one when he embarked with his father's family for Troy. He had been in Troy ten years, when on April 24, 1808, he married his cousin Mary, daughter of Nathan and Abigail (Burlock) Bouton. Nathan Bouton, brother of Phœbe (Mrs. Eliakim Warren), had, like his father, a fondness for the water. Their home was at the bay's edge (see page 55) and tradition tells of the young Nathan's adventure-aptness. On Dec. 12, 1782, at the age of twenty-six, he was married by the Rev. Wm. Bloomer, of Long Island, to Abigail Burlock, born 1763, of the old Norwalk Burlock household.<sup>1</sup> Two children were born to them, Mary (Mrs. Nathan Warren), April 21, 1789, and Esther (Mrs. LeGrand Cannon),<sup>2</sup> July 13, 1793.

<sup>1</sup>The Burlocks, were, it is supposed, an English family. Job Burlock, the father of Mrs. Nathan Bouton, had three sons, Thomas, William and Samuel, and two daughters, Abigail (Mrs. Bouton) and, it is believed, Esther. Job and Esther Burlock, nephew and niece of Silas Hickox,\* held Norwalk lands, but Mr. Burlock was crown-loyal, and, consequently, after returning from the English provinces at the close of the Revolution, failed to recover his New England property. Mrs. Nathan Bouton's brother, Thomas, married one of the eleven Layton daughters of Long Island. These ladies were remarkable in that every one of the sisters lived to pass seventy-five years of age. Brought up on the highest land in Long Island, the family was a hardy one, and has had a vigorous descent. The "blue eyed Laytons" of the Civil War of the present century's "Sixties" are to-day referred to. Of Mrs. Bouton's brothers, Thos. and Samuel married Laytons. No record is found of William's marriage. Thos. became a New York City merchant and had a daughter Mary, who, because of her beauty and splendid health (she was acquainted with Fairfield County and was a fine saddle rider) was marriage-sought by Benj. DeForest, who was born July 16, 1771, and was a son of

Elihu and Rachel (Lambert) DeForest. Mrs. Benj. DeForest, whose home was in Bond Street, New York City, is well-recalled in Norwalk. Her daughter, Mary, married Col. LeGrand B. Cannon (1896), of New York City. Mrs. Col. Cannon, whose husband was a nephew of Mrs. Nathan Warren (daughter of Abigail Burlock Bouton), was herself second cousin of Mrs. Warren.

<sup>2</sup>LeGrand Cannon, born March 20, 1787, was the son of Samuel and Sarah (Belden) Cannon of "Mill Hill" crest, Norwalk. His grandfathers Cannon and Belden lived on opposite sides of Norwalk river, and were progenitors of Norwalk's best known offspring. Samuel and Sarah Cannon's family was small and their native town detained only one, Henrietta (Mrs. Hugh Knox), of their children (LeGrand and Polly Esther—Mrs. Moses Craft—lived in Troy, N. Y.)

LeGrand Cannon married Esther Burlock (sister of Mrs. Nathan Warren) and became an ardently active Trojan. His Troy hearthstone was composed of the two parents and their children, LeGrand B. (Col. Cannon, 1896, of New York City), Henrietta (Mrs. Geo. H. Cramer), Mrs. Geo. Bird and Amelia (Mrs. Rev. John B. Tibbits). The first three are still living. Their sister, Mrs. Tibbits, of signal loveli-

\*Silas Hickox, born Jan. 8, 1714-15, was the oldest son of Benj. and Sarah (Selleck) Hickox. His father was one of the progressive men of ancient Norwalk (Wilton). He established himself near the present Congregational Church in Wilton, and was the "Henry Whitney" of that section. He speaks of

Mrs. Job Burlock as "my loving niece." The most remarkable wedding that ever, perhaps, took place in Norwalk was that of the mother of Silas Hickox, who, March 9, 1750, married Samuel, son of Daniel Kellogg, the Norwalk settler, the bride being then seventy-eight and the groom eighty-three years of age. Her

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Nathan and Mary (Bouton) Warren's children who lived to maturity<sup>1</sup> were:

Harriet Louise.

Stephen Eliakim.

Nathan Bouton (Mus. Doc.)

George Henry.

Harriet L., daughter of Nathan and Mary Warren, married Capt. Edmund Schriver, U. S. A. She was greatly interested in the work founded by her grandmother, Phœbe, and enlarged by her mother, that of the benign and blessed mission of the Mary Warren Institute, and the Church of the Holy Cross, Troy. On Jan. 15, 1859, Mrs. Schriver had been at the Church of the Holy Cross, attending to some slight change which had been made in relation to Church furnishings, when, upon her return to her home in Washington Park, she was thrown from her sleigh, in Third Street, Troy, and soon after died from the injuries received. She was the noble daughter of a noble mother, and her loss was sorely felt. She left no children. Her brothers, Nathan B., Stephen E. and George H., loyal to the core to a departed parent's and sister's memories, devoted time, energy and fortune to the furtherance of the great work which had been inaugurated by those who had gone before. That work, so long under the spiritual headship of the late J. Ireland Tucker, D.D., has been remarkably prospered, and will remain a grand monument to the piety, charity and liberality of a family, the genesis-honor of which the town of Norwalk proudly claims. The brothers, Stephen E. (Trinity College, Hartford,), and George Henry (Union Col-

ness of person and character, and whose remembrance-ministrations to her second cousins, Norwalk's two benevolent sisters, the Misses Margaret and Amelia Belden, are a memory, died many years ago. Her husband was a son of Hon. Geo. M. Tibbits, of Troy, and her son is now engaged in ecclesiastical and educational work in Hoosick, N. Y. LeGrand Cannon, Sr., came occasionally to Norwalk. He was a patron of Rev. Dr. Sherwood's school in this place, and he accompanied, in 1834, his brother-in-law, Nathan Warren, in the latter's last visit, in a chartered steam vessel, to his birth-town. Mrs. Cramer is the only one of the family who has remained

in Troy. Her son, LeGrand, like his uncle, Col. LeGrand B. Cannon, was a Norwalk school youth.

The young LeGrand B. Cannon, as was the case with the young Bell (see page 95), attended Doctor Sherwood's Norwalk school, and was a lad of gallant spirit. The Dr.'s boys made fast friends in Norwalk, and some of them—Bell and Cannon—left souvenirs of their pupil-days which, during the intervening years, have not been lost.

<sup>1</sup>There were three children of Nathan and Mary Bouton who died in infancy, viz., Mary Esther, Mary Bouton and Charlotte Buel. The grandchildren are the sons and daughters of George Henry Warren.

life had been a changing one. She had lived in Stamford, then in Wilton and is now accompanying an aged third husband to Norwalk. This last husband was born just after sunset, on Saturday evening, Feb. 19, 1673, in the pleasant field-lot (now upper end of Osborn Ave., East Norwalk). Daniel Kellogg, 1st, father of Samuel, who married the widow Hickox, was one of Norwalk's antiquity-athlete men. He was muscular and manly. On one occasion he was visiting in his neighborhood and found that two Indians, who were callers at the same time at the same Norwalk home, had so far forgotten English proprieties as to have engaged in an angry and violent wrangle within the white man's abode. Mr. Kellogg stepped forward and in a very business-like manner rubbed the heads of the red natives vigorously together and taught them a lesson. His son, Samuel, who had passed almost twelve "seven years' periods" of human life when he married his last (Hickox) wife, bought the land west of "Whitney's mill," back almost to "Ponassus Path" (Wall Street, 1856, north side, and west of the bridge). There were no children by the Hickox marriage, but quite an offspring by a former union. This offspring embraced the long line of Epenetus Kel-

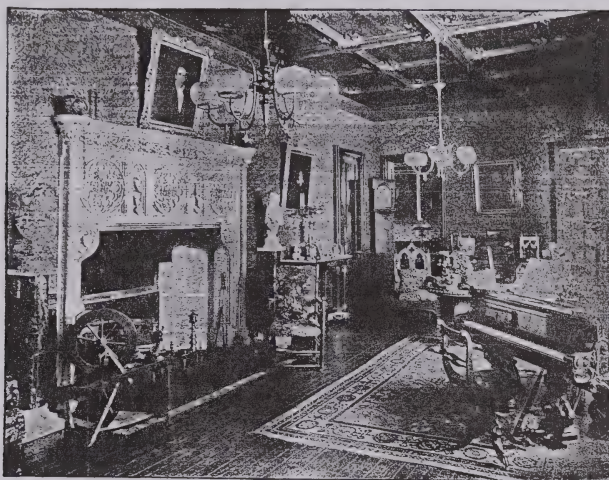
logg's descendants. Said Epenetus Kellogg was a "White Oak Shade" land proprietor, near by whose domain ran, easterly and westerly, the old Indian Ponassus path. Mr. Kellogg was a progenitor of the late venerable Esek Kellogg, whose fine farm (now of Bradley ownership) lay near the West Norwalk of to-day. These handsome Kellogg acres have been tilled from an early period of Norwalk history, and the old house (Bradley 1856) has been an hospitable haunt. Here were reared the several members of the Esek Kellogg hearthstone, from the comfort-cheer of which the children scattered to different points. Josiah, son of Esek, now occupies the north-adjointing home and home-lands, and with his Saratoga County, New York, wife, maintains the old time reputation of the inviting spot. The pioneer Daniel Kellogg's children are many and may be found in diverse parts of our spreading land, (see Kellogg home-lot lineage.)

One of Daniel Kellogg's direct descendants of to-day is Miss Esther Fenn Kellogg, of New York City, a daughter of Edward R. and Rebecca J. F. Kellogg, and who is much interested in her Norwalk Kellogg lineage.





lege), are deceased. Nathan B., (Mus. Doc.) and now in hale age, the only surviving one of his generation, makes his home at the beautiful "Warren Cottage" on Mount Ida.



"The Hall" of the "Warren Cottage" on Mount Ida, in the city of Troy, N. Y. The three brothers Esaias, Nathan and Stephen Warren had their town residences in Third Street, Troy, and Nathan selected "Mount Ida" for his country seat. This eminence, on the eastern confines of the city, and beautifully overlooking a broad expanse of territory, is now occupied by the last member of the immediate family of Nathan Warren, Sr., Dr. Nathan B. Warren. Dr. Warren is a musician and an author, in two of whose writings, "The Holidays," and "Recollections of Revolutionary Times," mention is made of early Norwalk life. The great work accomplished by his noble mother in the Troy founding, in 1844, of "The Church of the Holy Cross," as a house of prayer for all people, "without money and without price," is minutely described in the "Memorial of Mrs. Nathan Warren," published in 1859 by Daniel Dana, Jr., New York.

Stephen E. Warren was unmarried, and so is his brother, Dr. Nathan B. George H. Warren, Sr., born Nov. 18, 1823, the youngest member of the family, married, April 29, 1851, Mary Caroline, daughter of J. Phillips and Mary (Whitney) Phoenix, of New York City. Their children were and are:

Mary Ida,  
Harriet Louise,  
George Henry, Jr.,  
Emeline Whitney Dore,  
Whitney Phoenix.

Edmund,  
Whitney,  
Anna Phoenix,  
Edith Caroline,  
Lloyd Elliot.

<sup>1</sup>A name which calls forth the following note: In the autumn of 1729 occurred a Norwalk marriage which was truly a strong "old family" alliance. The groom was the grandson of Henry Whitney, who sixty-odd years before had revolutionized Norwalk mill matters, and the bride was the grand-daughter of Rev. Thomas Hanford, first, in point of time and talent, as a scholar and a divine, in early Norwalk an-

nals. After a wedded life of six years the groom and bride, Josiah and Eunice (Hanford) Whitney, had born to them a third child who took the name of the lad's great-grandfather, Henry Whitney, the settler, which infant Henry was the father, in 1776, of the modern multi-millionaire, Stephen Whitney. Mary, the second daughter of said Stephen, married on the eve of the centennial anniversary of Josiah and Eu-



The father, Geo. H. Warren, of the foregoing ten children, and his brothers Stephen E. and Nathan B., were great-grandsons of Esaias<sup>1</sup> and Phoebe<sup>2</sup> (Byxbee) Bouton, of Norwalk.

## STEPHEN WARREN.

Stephen, born March 1783, the youngest son of Eliakim<sup>2d</sup>. and Phoebe Warren, was a lad of only fifteen summers when the "Three Brothers" weighed anchor, in 1798, and quitted the Indian Runckingeage, Conn., waters. As their vessel's sail filled, the family most likely indulged in sent-back glances over their native Norwalk hills, scattered here

nice Hanford's bridal, Jonas Philips Phoenix, of New Jersey, and was, personally and by inheritance, of such manner and character-gentleness and loveableness that she did and could not fail to command the admiration even of those who were entire strangers to her. Of the children of Jonas and Mary Phoenix, Mary Caroline married a descendant of a Norwalk family almost as old as that of her own, George Henry Warren, youngest son of Nathan and Mary (Bouton) Warren, of Troy, N. Y., and a grandson of Eliakim and Phoebe Warren, of Norwalk and Troy. Geo. H. and Mary C. Warren resided in the metropolis but chose Mount Ida in the city of Troy for their country seat. A sister of Mrs. Geo. H. Warren, Harriet Whitney Phoenix, married Isaac Bronson, of the Greenfield Hill Bronson family. Mrs. Bronson was seized with illness while traveling, in 1864, in Germany, and fully aware that her malady would terminate fatally, she, with tenderly true devotion, employed her last moments in dictating consoling messages to her soon to be bereaved mother. A brother of Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Bronson, Stephen Whitney Phoenix, had, before death, erected his monument by the publication of the colossal work, entitled "The Whitney Genealogy."

The Bronsons of Greenfield Hill were also in Norwalk acquaintance-touch through the Murrays. John B. Murray, son of Col. James B., of St. Mark's Place, N. Y., in the winter and of Fairfield in the summer, married Sarah, daughter of Moses Craft, of Troy, and grand-daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Belden) Cannon, of Norwalk. Mr. Murray (John B.) was the brother of Maria (Mrs. Cambridge Livingston) and Anna (Mrs. Wm. Dana) and Agnes, who to this day keeps up the Greenfield Hill establishment. His wife was the sister of Mrs. Hannibal Green and Mrs. G. Parish Ogden, of Troy, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Moses Craft, was the charming daughter of Samuel Cannon, of Mill Hill summit, Norwalk, who is referred to in the Christmas eve foot note, page 171.

Josiah Whitney, the Norwalk great-grandfather of Mrs. Jonas P. Phoenix, was the brother of the great-grandfather, on his mother's side, of Rev. Samuel Jarvis, the father of Mrs. Elizabeth H. Colt, of Hartford. The four sisters of Rev. Mr. Jarvis, the Misses Lavinia, Amelia, Sarah and Mary, made en-

joyable visits to their Whitney relatives, in Darien, the descendants of which relations occupy, to-day, the old home-land vicinities. The drive between the Middlesex Warren and Whitney homes is of interest.

<sup>1</sup>The grandchildren of Geo. H., Sr., and Mary C. Warren are John P. C. and Geo. H. W., sons of Robert P. and Mary Ida Alden; Robert W. G. and Beatrice, children of Robert and Harriet L. Goelet; Constance W., son of Geo. H., Jr., and George W. Warren; Charlotte A., daughter of Whitney and Charlotte A. Warren; Edith, daughter of William S. and Edith C. Miller.

<sup>2</sup>Esaias Bouton's older brother, Joseph, born 1726, married Aug. 25, 1748, Susannah, third daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Fitch) Raymond. The groom was twenty-two and the bride, a niece of Gov. Thos. Fitch, only sixteen when the marriage was solemnized. Joseph Bouton was in military service, but his son, Joshua (Capt. Joshua), was, like his uncle, Esaias Bouton, in merchant service. Capt. Joshua was born Oct. 18, 1759, and on Nov. 17, 1784, he married Margaret McLean. The Capt. and his wife lived on the present site of the Dr. McLean homestead at the head of High Street, and during his trip-intervals he could there, generally, be found. What, he would sometimes jocosely remark upon entering his home at evening and finding it glowingly lighted, "so many candles burning and nary ship at sea." The children of this household were Sally S. (remembered, in 1896, as the "Sally Bouton" of fifty years ago), born Aug. 25, 1785; Cornelia, born March 15, 1787; George, born Oct. 23, 1789; Alexander, born June 29, 1791; Harriet (Mrs. Langdon Mott), born Feb. 6, 1793, and Charles, born May 25, 1795. Henry, son of Dr. Emery C. Bissell, married Harriet, daughter of Langdon and Harriet Mott, and removed from Norwalk to become cashier of the Farmer's Bank of Somers, Westchester Co., N. Y.

The descent of Mrs. Esaias Bouton, as carefully Norwalk-collated from the Massachusetts "Cape" records, is as follows: Stephen Hopkins, the pilgrim, was twice married before coming, in 1620, to America. His second wife, Anna, accompanied him to this land with two of her step-children (by her husband's first wife), viz.: Giles and Constance. Giles Hopkins, son of Stephen, married, in 1639, Catherine



and there, amid which were the homes of their blood. Where to-day stands the handsome "Brook Farm" establishment of the Parsons, was a Warren house, and also on the slightly Roton Hill corner, directly opposite the old Holy Trinity, N. Y., home, as well as on the romantic road leading from said corner toward the Roton Point of 1896, and not far from the old Hoyt family homestead. Stephen Warren, however, was but a boy whose history was to be made. At the age of twenty-five he married, on Aug. 17, 1808, Martha Cornell, born July 5, 1791, daughter of Joseph S. and Mary (Thorne) Mabbett, of Lansingburgh, N. Y., his children being:

Mary Mabbett, born Oct. 3, 1810 (Mrs. Jno. L. G. Knox).

Joseph Mabbett, (Hon.) born Jan. 28, 1813.

William Henry, born Sept. 14, 1815.

Phoebe Elizabeth, born July 5, 1819 (Mrs. Henry Pratt McKean).

Anna Chester, born Sept. 5, 1826 (Mrs. Edward Ingersoll).

John Hobart, born Sept. 3, 1829.

It will be a long time before the story of the descent of Norwalk's son, Stephen Warren, and Lansingburgh's daughter, Martha C. Mabbett, will be completely written, but Mr. Warren's birth-town is honored by the family history already presented. His oldest child, Mary M., passed but a few months of wedded life. His next child, the late Hon. Joseph M. Warren, of Troy, was one of the solid men of the day, and one whose civil, commercial and church careers have conferred eminent credit upon the city, to the growth and goodly fame of which he was such an intelligent and influential contributor. He married, Sept. 9, 1835, Elizabeth Adelaide, born March 3, 1815, daughter of Walter and Julia Steel (Beach) Phelps, of Hartford, and had:

Stephen, born Aug. 23, 1836, died young. Josephine, b. Aug. 22, 1842, d. young.

Mary Mabbett, born May 6, 1838.

Phoebe McKean, born Aug. 5, 1844.

(Mrs. John I. Thompson.)

(Mrs. Isaac McConihe.)

Walter Phelps, born June 13, 1841.

Anna, born Feb. 21, 1849.

(Firm, 1896, Fuller Warren Co.)

Stephen,<sup>2d</sup> born Jan. 28, 1852, died Sept. 1, 1864.

Mary Mabbett, daughter of Hon. Joseph M. and Elizabeth A. Warren, married Jan. 29, 1861, John Isaac, oldest son of John L. Thompson, one of the heaviest wholesale merchants of Troy, and a man without reproach. The children of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Thompson are:

Wheldon, and had nine children, the seventh of whom, Joshua, born 1657, married, May 26, 1681, Mary, daughter of Daniel Coles. These had eight children, John, Abigail, Elisha, Lydia, Mary, Joshua, Hannah and Phoebe, the youngest, who was born in 1702. Phoebe, daughter of Joshua and Mary Hop-

kins, married Moses, son of Joseph Byxbee,<sup>1st</sup> and had Joseph<sup>2d</sup> (died in infancy), Joseph,<sup>3d</sup> John, Elizabeth, and Phoebe. Joseph Byxbee<sup>3d</sup> married a sister of Joseph Warren; John married, February 17, 1758, Elizabeth Warren; Elizabeth married Jos. Warren, and Phoebe married, May, 30, 1753, Esaias Bouton.





Hobart Warren,<sup>1</sup> born April 2, 1862, (a Norwalk school youth and Trinity College, Hartford, graduate).

Marie Warren, born March, 1868, (Mrs. Edward Courtlandt Gale).

Walter Phelps, son of Hon. Jos. M. and Elizabeth A. Warren, married, July 11, 1866, his cousin, Martha Mabbett, daughter of Wm. H. and Mary Warren, and had :

William Henry,<sup>2</sup> born June 3, 1867.

John Hobart, born May 9, 1873.  
(Died June 10, 1873.)

Joseph Mabbett, born Dec. 14, 1868.  
(Died March 7, 1872.)

Walter Phelps, Jr., born Dec. 31, 1874.

Mary Eliza, born Feb. 5, 1870.  
(Mrs. Thos Vail, of Troy. Married, Nov. 5, 1896.)

Elizabeth, born Apr. 14, 1876.  
(Died Feb. 3, 1878.)

Chester Ingersoll, born Feb. 22, 1880.

Phœbe McKean, daughter of Hon. Jos. M. and Elizabeth A. Warren, married, Oct. 11, 1866, Isaac, son of Hon. Isaac McConihe, of Troy, and had :

Anna Prunyn, born Nov. 30, 1867.  
(Died Sept. 1868.)

Malcolm Stewart, born Aug., 1871.

Warren, born July 8, 1869.

Elizabeth, born July, 1881.

Anna, daughter of Hon. Jos. and Elizabeth A. Warren, married Oct. 21, 1869, John M. Glidden, of Boston, and had:

Mary Warren, born May 10, 1871.

John, born May, 1876.

Joseph Warren, born June 17, 1872.

Susette Adelaide, born Dec., 1879.

Amy Gardiner, born Nov., 1873.

Anna.

William, born Dec., 1874.

Arthur Boynton.

William Henry, second son of Stephen and Martha C. Warren, married Dec. 12, 1839, Mary, daughter of Halsey and Deborah (Wing) Rogers, of Moreau, N. Y., and had :

Halsey Rogers, born July 25, 1841.

Martha Mabbett, born Dec. 22, 1842, (Mrs. Walter Phelps Warren.)

Mary Rogers, born May 6, 1853, died July 17, 1859.

Stephen Warren, born Aug. 12, 1855, died Nov. 19, 1858.

Edward Ingersoll, born Jan. 18, 1858, died Apr. 8, 1878.

William H. Warren died Jan. 9, 1867. He was a gentleman of quiet tastes, and himself and Mrs. Warren were the heads of a home of refinement. Both were faithful members of St. Paul's Church, Troy, and their pew in that venerable edifice was open to the stranger. Their son Halsey R., was a Norwalk visitor.

Phœbe Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen and Martha C. Warren, married July 8, 1841, Adjutant and General Henry Pratt, son of Thos. J. and Sarah C. (Pratt) McKean, of Philadelphia, and grandson of Chief Justice Thos. McKean, LL.D., and had, Thos., born

<sup>1</sup>Married Grace McLeod.

<sup>2</sup>Married, Jan. 5, 1893, Caroline E., daughter of

Samuel O. Gleason, of Troy, and had Mary Rogers, born July 7, 1896.



married on the last day but one of the year 1725, Abigail Peat, of Stratford. These had a son, Nehemiah, born Jan. 24, 1743, who married, Dec. 20, 1769, Mary, born Aug. 31, 1745, daughter of Peter Lockwood, of Norwalk. She died Oct. 17, 1790, and is buried at Monroe, Conn. Nehemiah and Mary (Lockwood) DeForest had a son, William, born June 13, 1773, whose youngest daughter, Mary A., married, as his second wife, March 6, 1834, deacon George St. John, of Norwalk. Mrs. St. John was a woman of remarkable loveliness of manner.

Elihu, son of David<sup>2d</sup>. and Abigail DeForest, married, May 4, 1761, Rachel, daughter of David and Laurana (Bill) Lambert, and had several children, among whom was Benjamin,<sup>1</sup> born July 16, 1771, and baptized in 1777. The family removed eventually to Danbury, and the young Benjamin commenced life for himself. His ambition, however, tempted him to a wider field than Fairfield County presented, and encouraged by the business example, if not assistance, of Eliphalet Lockwood & Son, who were Norwalk West

<sup>1</sup>Benjamin, son of Elihu and grandson of David DeForest,<sup>2d</sup> removed early, with his parents, from Wilton. The family seems to have gone, first, to Ridgebury, a portion of the town of Ridgefield. Here it remained awhile when Elihu DeForest purchased a large tract which now lays on the line between Ridgefield and Danbury, about a mile from the Danbury Fair Grounds, in the present "Miry Brook" district of Danbury. It is a fine country and the estate to-day (Norris Knoll) is held by a nephew of Benj. DeForest, viz., Benj. DeForest Norris. The old proprietors, Elihu, born Nov., 1739, and Rachel DeForest, born Aug. 31, 1744, sleep in the burial acre a short distance away, and the house and grounds in and upon which their grandchildren, Margaret, Mary B. and Caroline (daughters of Benj. DeForest), attended by the family maids and family livery, spent and sported many happy summer hours, are still well kept up. Of this spot, his own home, Benj. DeForest as a lad was fond, and from it when a little older he left to become associated with his older brother, D. Lambert, who had left the same place and founded himself in the village of Southeast, over the New York line, and a few miles from his father's home. The children of Elihu and Rachel DeForest, were David Lambert, born March 16, 1762; Joseph, born June 9, 1764; Laurany, born July 9, 1767; Benj.,<sup>1st</sup> born July 16, 1771; Elizabeth, born March 13, 1774; Bill Clark, born July 14, 1782, who died Dec., 1812. David Lambert, oldest son of Elihu DeForest and named for his maternal grandfather (David Lambert, Sr., of Wilton), married a Barnum and resided at "DeForest Corners" (named for himself) in Southeast. He had three sons, Archibald, Alfred and Ben-

jamin. Alfred went to New York, where he married, and became largely and successfully associated with his uncle, Benj. DeForest. This uncle, Benj., had, when young, lived with his brother, D. Lambert, in Southeast and helped him, as a clerk, in his business. Alfred, nephew of Benjamin and son of David L. DeForest, had no children, but his namesake second cousin, Alfred DeForest Gale, of Troy, was a rare and beautiful natured and tempered youth, whose race, indeed, was early run, but whose memory is to-day treasured by his old Norwalk tutor. After Benj. DeForest left Southeast he went, for a time, to Sing Sing, but finally settled in New York City, where he prospered. He married, in 1804, Mary (see note page 272), daughter of Thomas Burlock, (son of Job, of Norwalk). Thomas Burlock had now established a business in Grand Street, New York, and was at one time rated at a "hundred thousand." He lived in First Street, near Bond, from which street his funeral was attended. Mary Burlock, daughter of Thomas and niece of Mrs. Nathan Bouton (her father's sister), was engaging, and became the wife of Benjamin DeForest. These had three children, all daughters, Margaret, born Nov. 21, 1816 (Mrs. Geo. B. DeForest\*); Mary B., born Sept. 7, 1819 (Mrs. Colonel LeGrand B. Cannon), and Caroline, born May 27, 1823 (Mrs. E. Thompson Gale, of Troy, N. Y.). Mrs. Geo. B. DeForest and her two sisters, Mary B. and Caroline, were, as has been noted, delighted and delightful warm weather guests at their father's and grandfather's northern Fairfield County home, in which romantic spot, Margaret,<sup>2d</sup> daughter of Mrs. Geo. B. DeForest, lay for some time a sufferer from blindness. This good woman did not marry, but a

\*George Beach DeForest was the son of Lockwood DeForest, who married a Beach. Lockwood DeForest, born March 5, 1775, was a son of Nehemiah and Mary (Lockwood) DeForest. Mrs. Nehemiah DeForest was the daughter of Peter and Abi-

gail (Hawley) Lockwood, of Norwalk. She married Nehemiah, son of Samuel and Abigail (Peat) DeForest. George B. DeForest was a cousin of the second Mrs. deacon Geo. St. John, of Norwalk.





India shippers, he commenced a remunerative business career in the metropolis. His success was marked, and the house of Benj. DeForest was a commercial power. Mr. DeForest married, when past young-manhood, Mary, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Layton) Burlock, as elsewhere mentioned. His city home was, at first, in Beekman Street, but later in Bond Street. The Norwalk Lockwood intimacy, which began in Eliphalet Lockwood's day, was perpetuated by Mr. Lockwood's grandchildren, Mary Esther (Mrs. John P. Treadwell), Elizabeth (Mrs. Henry Morgan) and Miss Julia Lockwood. Mrs. DeForest's brother, Henry, married an opulent lady of one of the Southeastern islands. The wife died without issue, and after the husband's decease her fortune fell, through Henry Burlock, to his brother-in-law, Benj. DeForest. This young, fascinating, black-eyed, fortunate grandson of Job and Esther Burlock, of Norwalk (Henry Burlock), was a nephew of Samuel Burlock, who married, in 1796, Helena Layton, of Long Island, and had Samuel DeForest Layton, born 1812, the father of "Sister Marina," of the New York City and Norwalk St. Mary's Hospital for children.

chapel, built at Southeast by herself, to-day attests to her benevolence. Her father's country-seat, as also that of her uncle, Col. LeGrand B. Cannon, was at Burlington, Vt.

Joseph, brother of Benjamin DeForest,<sup>1st</sup> lived in Brooklyn and had a daughter, Sarah, whose only child married a Van Buren. Of the two sisters of Benj. DeForest,<sup>1st</sup> Laurany married Timothy Keeler and Elizabeth married Captain Stephen Norris, of Ridgefield and Danbury vicinity. Mrs. Timothy Keeler (Laurany, sister of Benjamin DeForest), had a daughter, Sarah, who married Jarvis Brush, the father of Prof. George Jarvis Brush, of Yale University (Sheffield School).

Benjamin DeForest had a great-uncle, Nehemiah, born Jan. 24, 1743, a brother of Benjamin's grandfather, David DeForest. Nehemiah DeForest married, Dec. 20, 1769, Mary, daughter of Peter Lockwood, of Norwalk. These had a daughter, Mary, who married a New York and Fairfield Skinner. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner had a daughter, Jane, who married President Timothy Dwight, now at the head of Yale College. Eliza, older sister of Mrs. Timothy Dwight, was engaged to the late Rev. Augustus F. Hewitt, and the two would probably have been married had not Mr. Hewitt (son of Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Hewitt, of Bridgeport,) entered the Roman Catholic Communion and became a Paulist Father.

Norwalk is fructifying genealogy-soil and a compensating family-field to till. Its reminiscence-wealth is also abounding. Standing at the birth-spot, on its northern hills, of Benj. DeForest, one can open a portfolio which a drive therefrom, for a few hours, will memoranda-fill. Near by will be passed the fields cultivated by the ancestors of the Empire State Mrs. Dean Richmond; off on one hand will stretch

the Saybrook Buckingham lands; down in the valley dwelt the elder President Timothy Dwight's alliance-kin, while to the north, before Fairfield County is quit, will stretch romantically beyond the cottage-site of Benj. DeForest's second tenantry, ere the boy left that handsome slope to begin life in the Daniel Drew neighborhood, long years before that great operator made his offer to the Norwalk young beginner, Alanson P. St. John, of future North River fame. Along this route towers "Bear Hill" and winds "Miry Brook," in the vicinity of which localities Benj. DeForest, in early and later life, took great comfort, and his daughters, Margaret, Mary and Caroline, were wont to enjoy many a holiday, while not far away from the spot one can listen from the dweller thereat, and learn of the Long Island Layton's thrift, and how "Aunt Layton," who prudently saw that the farm produce was properly market-consigned, would industriously keep on with her knitting while business-riding over Long Island to and from the metropolis. The Laytons (household into which Thomas Burlock, brother-in-law of Nathan Bouton, married) were intimate with the well-known Close family, of North Salem, Westchester County, and visited at their residence (since the How place) near the famous Salem pivots-supported boulder, the Ob-long-recall of which visits are to-day pondered with pleasure. The story is also here told, by one who lives, in 1896, about two miles from the former "New York province line," an aged and highly agreeable Fairfield County veteran, of Mrs. Nathan Warren's intimacy, seventy or so years ago, with her Fairfield County-DeForest blood, and of a Connecticut trip made by herself and daughter, Harriet, the motherly and daughterly devotion between whom so, at that time, impressed the now nearly ninety winters-whited



Silas Hickox, uncle of Elihu DeForest and of Mrs. Job Burlock, and great-uncle of Thomas Burlock and Mrs. Nathan Bouton, was the son of Deacon Benjamin and Sarah (Lockwood) Hickox, Wilton. Benj. Hickox was the first Deacon of the Wilton Church. His wife, Sarah Lockwood, belonged to the Lockwood family of Stamford and Norwalk. This mother, after losing, on Nov. 17, 1745, her Hickox husband, married, March 9, 1756, Samuel Kellogg (son of Daniel Kellogg<sup>1st</sup>), of Norwalk. She now ended her days in ease, her Kellogg husband being the proprietor of the substantial property to-day the Norwalk home of Mrs. William K. James. Her Kellogg step-son, Epenetus, was the grandfather of Eseck Kellogg, of West Norwalk, and of Edward Kellogg, whose daughter, Harriet E., married Dr. Carrol Dunham, of New York City, whose sons, Carrol and Edward, married, respectively, Margaret and Mary, daughters of David and Margaret Worcester Dows, of "Charlton Hall," Irvington-on-Hudson. Mr. Dows was the head of the New York City produce house of David Dows & Co.

The three Warren brothers, Esaias, Nathan and Stephen, who left Norwalk in 1797-8, were conspicuous examples of brotherly co-operation, confidence and affection. They were a unit, and their father, after three years Troy-sojourn, on Apr. 6, 1801, sold out the old Norwalk property and employed the handsome proceeds in his sons' interest. They did what might be termed a general produce business, investing their profits in real estate, and safely, sagely and squarely conducting their affairs. The firm was known for its integrity and reliability and its members' descendants comprise, to-day, a strong host. The head of the house, Edmond Warren, sleeps in the simple burial meadow near the old Norwalk Warren corner in Rowayton, but his grand-children, Eliakim and Phoebe, and many of their offspring rest within the stately Gothic mausoleum in Oakwood Cemetery, Rensselaer County, N. Y.

gentleman as that the flow of years has failed to efface the remembrance of it. A Norwalk Oblong excursion, in almost any direction, will interest the intelligent tourist.

There was three months to a day difference in the ages of Norwalk's two representative sons, Esaias Warren and Benjamin DeForest. Both left Fairfield County not far from the same period. Mr. Warren preceded his father and brothers to Troy, and, satisfied that the village offered opportunities for the future, arranged for the family's removal thither. Piece after piece of the old Van der Heyden property fell into Warren possession, until the "Warren brothers" became a potential name. No "pent-up Utica could contract" either Esaias Warren or Benj. DeForest's ambition. Both were enterprising and both successful. Mr. DeForest commenced modestly, but his methods and manners made him friends. On one occasion he made a Norwalk loan (Eliphalet Lockwood & Son) of several thousand dollars, and when the "Son" of the firm (Col. Buckingham St. John Lockwood) called at the New York DeForest office,

he was pleasantly greeted by the head of the house with the salutation: "I had no trouble in obtaining this amount and I have now no trouble in returning it." No trouble in procuring and no trouble in paying was Mr. DeForest's evident experience after the young man left Fairfield and Westchester Counties. Eliphalet Lockwood did a large West India business. His vessels' wharf was in the rear of the present Wall St. "Lockwood Hall," which pier was wont, a number of years ago, to be piled with West India freight. A heavy business was once carried on between Norwalk and the South. An old Norwalk ledger shows that under date of March 21, 1772, Capt. Squires reports a commission on Barbadoes sales amounting to £397, 12s, 7d, and the variety of the merchandise which was transported to and from the Southern islands is surprising. Horses, in numbers, were transported. Silas Hickox's great-grand-nephew, Henry Burlock, was sent out with a cargo of these favorite beasts. Mr. Hickox lived plainly in what is now Wilton, and was probably a plain man, but his Burlock relative (nephew of Mrs. Nathan Bouton and brother-in-law of



## THE OLMSTED LINE.

From James Olmsted,<sup>1st</sup> the older son of Richard, Sr., sprang the Norwalk Olmsted contingency. The three sons of his brother John, viz., Daniel, Richard and John, settled elsewhere. The children of James<sup>1st</sup> and Phœbe Barlow were:

James,<sup>2d</sup> born Aug. 17, 1675.

Nathan,<sup>1st</sup> born Apr. 27, 1678.

Joseph, born March 10, 1676-7.

Samuel,<sup>1st</sup> born May 13, 1683.

John,<sup>1</sup> born Aug. 14, 1692.

From the foregoing it is noticeable that the children of James Olmsted<sup>1st</sup> were boys, while the offspring of his brother John were, largely, girls. The sons of James remained in Norwalk and here transmitted the name, while of his brother John's three sons, two, Daniel<sup>2</sup> and Richard,<sup>3</sup> removed to Ridgefield, and John, it appears, to Fairfield. John's daughter Elizabeth, (Mrs. Henry Whitney), also found her home in Ridgefield. Her husband, born Feb. 21, 1681, was a grandson and namesake of Henry Whitney, the miller and settler. Elizabeth, who like her older sister, Mary, the Olmsted-Warren ancestress, was born close by the Rider, 1896, East Avenue, premises, married, June 14, 1710, her Whitney suitor, and both took up nine of the finest acres on the east side of the well laid-out "Ridgefield Street," which nine acres to-day represent a valuable sum. Henry and Elizabeth (Olmsted) Whitney had a grand-daughter Rebecca, (daughter of Henry Whitney), who, Jan. 18, 1789, married Josiah Olmstead. Josiah's father was Daniel, son of Richard and grandson of Lieut. John Olmstead,<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk. Josiah and Rebecca Olmstead were the parents of William, born March 31, 1793, who married Clara, daughter of Jared and Rachel Nash, of Ridgefield, who had, Sept. 22, 1825, Charles (Gen. Charles Olmstead, 1896, of Norwalk). The young Charles Olmstead came early in life to Norwalk and was one of the most energetic and popular public school instructors of his day. He married, Dec. 8, 1850, Mary Jane, born Aug. 24, 1830, daughter of Deacon Charles and

Benj. DeForest) was of striking figure and features. Arriving at his destination he landed with his freight, and his personal beauty, it is stated, so captivated a young heiress of the island that the two were married. Mrs. Henry Burlock was doomed to early demise and left her entire estate to her husband. He also filled an early grave, and the property finally fell to the DeForests.

<sup>1</sup>John, the youngest son of James Olmsted,<sup>1st</sup> married Feb. 29, 1717-18, Mary, daughter of Robert Small, and had Sylvanus, born Nov. 25, 1718, Phœbe, born Aug. 5, 1720, Reuben, born April 5, 1722, David, born Feb. 6, 1724-5, James Small, born Mar. 2, 1727-8,

John, b. March 29, 1729, and Ichabod, b. June 14, 1733.

<sup>2</sup>He married, May 9, 1711, Hannah, daughter of Joseph and Mercy (Lindall) Ketchum, of Norwalk, and two of his children were: Samuel,\* born March 27, 1715, and Nathan, born March 7, 1716-17.

<sup>3</sup>He married April 22, 1714, Mary, born Sept. 10, 1693, daughter of Saml. and Judith (Reynolds) Betts, of Norwalk, and had John, Richard, Stephen, Thomas, Hepzibah, Justus, Daniel, Samuel and Mary. The parents of these children lived opposite the present Methodist Church on the Ridgefield street. Their father was a justice of the peace and died Feb. 17, 1776. Their mother lived until Jan. 31, 1786.

\*His daughter, Sarah, born 1744, married Abraham (son of John<sup>2d</sup>, who was son of John<sup>1st</sup>, who was son of Edward Nash, the settler,) Nash, grandfather of Clara (Mrs. William Olmstead), who was the mother of Gen. Chas. Olmstead, of Norwalk. Abraham Nash had a son, Abraham, who married Sarah

Benedict, of "West Lane District," Ridgefield. This son removed to Troy, N. Y., and was the proprietor of the large "Nash Brewery" of that city. His sisters were Mrs. Silas St. John, of "Nod" (Wilton), and Mrs. A. Thaddeus Seymour, of Ridgefield.





Emeline (Brown) Lockwood, of Norwalk, and had Mary Frank, who married LeGrand, son of Frederick T. and Susan (Stevens) Betts; Clara Elizabeth, who married Hon. John Sammis Seymour, of Washington, D. C., and Norwalk; Horace L.; Anna A. and William T. After the decease of his first wife, Gen. Olmstead married, second, Nov. 12, 1874, Nannie E. Taylor, born at Whitestown, N. Y., Oct. 8, 1836. Gen. Olmstead has for many years filled positions of trust in Norwalk.

James Olmstead,<sup>2d</sup> son of James<sup>1st</sup> and Phœbe, appears to have died young. He does not seem to be named in his father's will, and his record is not found. His brother, Joseph, married Mehitable Warner, (see page 103) and is known to have had:

Joseph, removed to Farmington;	Gardiner;
Deborah (Mrs. Robert Farquhar);	David (prob.);
Gideon;	—— (Mrs. Joseph Monroe). <sup>1</sup>

Nathan,<sup>1st</sup> son of James and Phœbe Olmsted, married, first, Sarah, daughter of Ralph<sup>2d</sup> and Grace (Lindall) Keeler, and had Nathan,<sup>2d</sup> born 1703.

The first Mrs. Nathan Olmsted<sup>1st</sup> died, and her husband married, second, Mercie, born Nov. 12, 1676, daughter of Christopher and Hannah (Platt) Comstock, and had:

Samuel, <sup>2</sup> born 1707.	Mercie, born 1711 (Mrs. Moses St. John).
James, <sup>3d</sup> born 1709. <sup>3</sup>	Hannah, born 1713.
	(Mrs. Justus Miles, of Milford.)

Lydia, born May, 1716, (Mrs. Matthew Fitch).

After Nathan Olmsted's decease, his widow, Mercie (Comstock) Olmsted, married, second, John Williams, of Norwalk.

<sup>1</sup>The Monroes were early in Norwalk. They appear originally to have been Massachusetts people. Among the first of the name in Norwalk were David and his wife Rebecca. These had a son, Solomon, to whom his brother Amos sold, May 17, 1734, six acres of land at "Toilsome," north of the "Norwalk Rocks," for £1,000; a large price at that day. On Nov. 9, 1741, the same Amos Monroe sold the whole of Cockenoe Island, in Norwalk harbor, to Ralph Isaacs, for £300. From the days of the Revolution the Monroes have very definite and distinct Norwalk family tracing. The Joseph Monroe who made his will in 1796 lived, died and is buried in the Oblong, a short distance from the New Canaan and Lewisboro town lines.

<sup>2</sup>This Samuel Olmsted married Sarah, born 1723, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Jones) Fairchild. The two were the first Olmsted settlers on "Olmsted's Hill," Wilton. Here the father, Samuel, lived until 1761, and the mother, Sarah, until Jan., 1777. Their children were: Sarah, baptized Feb. 2, 1745-6, Samuel, Sept. 27, 1747, Lydia, May 14, 1749, Moses,

April 28, 1751, Eleanor, Oct. 19, 1755, and Hannah, March 26, 1756. Samuel, the second child, married, Nov. 25, 1773, Anne Dunning, and had Samuel D., born Dec. 17, 1774, Sarah, July 27, 1776, Hannah, Feb. 12, 1779, Stephen, Dec. 7, 1780, and Noah, Oct. 3, 1786, who was the father of the late Samuel Edwin Olmstead, of Norwalk.

<sup>3</sup>This James was Deacon James Olmsted, of Wilton, who had a son, James, who married, Sept. 11, 1754, Sarah Trowbridge, and had Aaron, born March 4, 1770, who married, June 17, 1792, Sarah Hawley, (see note page 105) and was the father, Dec. 17, 1793, of Dr. Hawley Olmstead, of Wilton and New Haven. Dr. Olmstead died December 3, 1868, and it fell to his son, Dr. Edward Olmstead, to take up the great work that his scholar father had inaugurated and for many years carried successfully on. The labors of both father and son have been a rich blessing to the long line of graduates from their tuition, and there is no earthly measure of the good which has been accomplished by these descendants of Richard Olmstead, Sr. Dr. Edward Olmstead still continues the work.



## ASCENDANTS AND DESCENDANTS OF STEPHEN AND SAMUEL E. OLMSTEAD.

Gen. I.—RICHARD OLMSTED.

“ II.—JAMES<sup>1st</sup>. AND PHEBE (BARLOW) OLMSTED.

“ III.—NATHAN AND MARY (COMSTOCK) OLMSTED.

“ IV.—SAMUEL<sup>1st</sup>. AND SARAH (FAIRCHILD) OLMSTED.“ V.—SAMUEL<sup>2d</sup>. AND ANNE (DUNNING) OLMSTED.“ VI.—NOAH AND ANNIE (BELDEN)<sup>1</sup> OLMSTEAD.“ VII.—STEPHEN AND SAMUEL E. OLMSTEAD.<sup>2</sup>

Stephen, son of Noah and Annie (Belden) Olmstead, married Maria, daughter of John Olmstead, and had :

Isabella M.

Gertrude E. (Mrs. Clesson F. Gibbs).

Samuel E., born March 25, 1824, son of Noah and Annie (Belden) Olmstead, married, Oct. 4, 1846, Rebecca Gould, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Newkirk) Camp, and had :

Arthur ; died in infancy.

Mary Newkirk ; died in infancy.

Louise, (Mrs. Dr. Clarence B. Coolidge), Rebecca Camp,

(Married Feb. 6, 1878.)

(Mrs. Frank W. Woodward.)

Maria, died in infancy.

<sup>1</sup>She had been previously married ; had one child.<sup>2</sup>These brothers had a brother Belden (twin of Samuel E.) and sisters, Sarah Ann, Jane, Henrietta and Frances.

Sarah Ann, daughter of Noah and Annie (Belden) Olmstead, married a Thatcher of Lockport, N. Y.

Jane, born Aug. 12, 1812, died Feb. 1, 1871, married Nov. 19, 1846, Thaddeus Birdsey Curtis, of Stratford, and had Myra, born Sept. 5, 1847, Emma, Feb. 18, 1851, Louise W., February 16, 1857. Thaddeus B. Curtis died May 5, 1864.

Henrietta Olmstead married, Aug. 1833, as his second wife, Jonah Charles Keeler, born March 29, 1808, of Ridgefield, and had :

Joseph Belden, born July 23, 1834.

George Olmstead, born Oct. 8, 1835.

Sarah Ann, born Nov. 15, 1837.

Charles Lewis, born Nov. 18, 1839.

Henry, born Nov. 14, 1841.

Sarah Maria, born July 31, 1843.

Edwin Olmstead, (Hon.) born Jan. 12, 1846.

Frederic, born Dec. 31, 1847.

Charles L., born April 22, 1850.

Jonah C. Keeler, married, third, a Betts from Wilton, and had :

William Arthur, born Sept. 24, 1856, of Denver, Colorado.

Franklin A., born Dec. 25, 1858, of Neb.

Rolland Stebbins, born Dec. 26, 1860 ; died September 14, 1868.

Mr. Keeler was son of Jonah, born June 5, 1772, and Rebecca (Raymond) Keeler. The two were married, Dec. 30, 1794. Jonah Keeler was a son of Matthew and Rebecca (Close) Keeler, which Matthew was a son of Jonah and Ruth (Smith) Keeler, which Jonah was a son of Samuel and Sarah (St. John) Keeler (see page 122), which Samuel Keeler was son of **Ralph Keeler, the Norwalk Keeler settler.**

Joseph B., son of Jonah C. and Henrietta Keeler, married Harriet Eddy, of Chicago. George O. married Julia Waterbury, daughter of Thomas and Susan (Betts) Benedict, of Norwalk, and had Susan and Henrietta, both of whom died young. Sarah A., Charles L., Henry, Sarah Maria, Frederic and Chas. L.<sup>2d</sup> died young. Hon. Edwin O., of Norwalk, (1896) married, May 13, 1868, Sarah V. Whiting, of Franklin, Mass., and had :

Inez Rosealine.

A child who died in infancy.

Rutherford Ballou.

Jonah C. and Henrietta Keeler removed from Ridgefield to Wilton and resided on the Belden Hill road a little distance below the Wilton Congregational Church.





Samuel E. Olmstead<sup>1</sup> was one of modern Norwalk's most enterprising and indefatigable citizens. His name was the synonym of business energy and vitality. His mother was a daughter of Capt. Azor Belden, by his first wife, who was of the Taylor family. Capt. Azor Belden was the son of Azor Belden,<sup>1st</sup> who was son of William and Margaret (Arms) Belden, which William was the son of Daniel Belden, of Deerfield, Mass., who was a brother of the first John Belden, of Norwalk.

## HOME-LOT XVI.

ISAAC MOORE.<sup>2</sup>

MARK ST. JOHN.

Isaac Moore or More, of Farmington, who married, Dec. 5, 1645, Ruth Stanley, owned home-lot xvi but a few years. He sold the same to Mark (son of Matthias St. John, Sr.), whose home-grant (No. 2) has already been described. Mr. Moore's "accommodations," in 1655, were rated at £252. Before he came to Norwalk he was chosen Sergeant at Farmington, and fifteen years after Norwalk was settled he was excused from "training day" service because of his engagements as a soldier prior to his Norwalk appearance. His own wife and the wife of Mark St. John were of the same family name. He was one of the early Norwalk "townsmen" (1654) his colleague being Thomas Fitch, Sr. His residence in Norwalk does not seem to have been a long protracted one.

## HOME-LOT XVII.

THOMAS HALE.

RICHARD OLMSTED.

Thomas Hale, who shared home-lot xvii with Richard Olmsted, whose allotment has received mention, was evidently in Hartford before coming to Norwalk. He had mar-

Frances, born July 6, 1821, died April 29, 1863, daughter of Noah and Annie (Belden) Olmstead, married, Aug. 19, 1843, Lewis Judson, son of William and Rebecca (Judson) Curtis, and had:

Charles Lewis, born March 19, 1847, died March 23, 1862;

Maria Louise, born May 18, 1850, died July 17, 1864;

Anna Belden, born March 27, 1853, died Aug. 29, 1890;

Franklin Judson, born Jan. 23, 1859, married Julia Boquette;

Lewis J. Curtis married, second, Oct. 20, 1864, Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. David Willard, of Wilton.

Anna Belden, daughter of Lewis J. and Frances Curtis, married, Oct. 20, 1885, Charles Eversley, son of Stiles W. and Harriet (Bennett) Curtis, and had:

Anna Eversley, born Aug. 29, 1890.

Captain Azor Belden married, second, Hannah, daughter of Timothy and Esther (Platt) Fitch, and had Geo. F. and Platt Belden. Platt Belden became a citizen of New York. His brother's (George F.,)

children were Henry H., of Westport, and the late George F. Belden, Jr., of Norwalk, who married Louisa, daughter of William and Lucinda (Nash) Cornwall, of Norwalk. The second Mrs. Capt. Azor Belden was a grand-daughter of Gov. Thomas Fitch. Captain Belden was the grandfather of the before named brothers and sisters, Stephen, Saml. E., Belden, Sarah Ann, Jane, Henrietta and Frances Olmstead.

<sup>1</sup>The grandchild of Samuel E. Olmstead, child of his daughter, Rebecca Camp (Mrs. Frank W. Woodward), is Warren Olmstead, born May 2, 1891.

<sup>2</sup>There is a Hartford or Farmington record of "Ruth Moore, born, Farmington, Jan. 5, 1656, baptized at Norwalk;" also

Sarah Moore, b. Feb. 12, 1661, bap. Farmington.

Mary " " Sept. 15, 1664, " "

Phæbe " " Apr. 25, 1669, " "

These were probably the children of Isaac Moore, the last three of whom seem to have been baptized after Mr. Moore left Norwalk. He sold his Norwalk home-lot in 1660 to Mark St. John, who also married a Stanley.



ried Jane Lord, of Roxbury, Mass., in 1639, and is spoken of as a godly man. He is thought to have been seventeen years in the country when the pioneers came to Norwalk. Samuel Hale of home-lot xxi is believed to have been his brother.<sup>1</sup>

### HOME-LOT XVIII.

THOMAS WARD.

RALPH KEELER.

Of Thomas Ward who, with Ralph Keeler of home-lot vii, shared home-lot xviii, but little is known. Ward is an excellent New England name, but the Norwalk history of the family is meagre. Thomas Ward was married and had something of a nursery on his grounds. Beyond these facts it seems difficult to gather very much concerning his Norwalk story.

### HOME-LOT XIX.

MATTHEW CAMPFIELD OR CANFIELD.

This proprietor was one of the most honored of the Norwalk founder-fathers. He was nominated in the King's Connecticut Charter of 1662, and he became a freeman in 1654, after which he represented Norwalk at a number of General Assembly sittings. His wife was of a distinguished family, having been a daughter of Richard and Joanna Treat and a sister of Gov. Robert Treat, Mrs. John Deming, Sr., and Mrs. John Hollister. His brother Thomas, was one of the founders of New Milford, and he was undeniably a man of parts and power. The family is found in Hertfordshire, England, at the time of the Spanish Armada, and as long ago as the year A.D., 1200, "Camville" was a proper name. Matthew Campfield, unquestionably an influential settler, seemed, for some reason, to have been dissatisfied with government matters in the Connecticut Colony. Although a public man, his Norwalk residence was brief, and he early emigrated to New Jersey, where he became as prominent as he had been in his former home. He was rated a wealthy man, and is supposed to be buried where now stands the Newark City Hall.

Samuel,<sup>1st</sup> son of Matthew Campfield, appears to be the only Norwalk son of Matthew.<sup>1st</sup> This son, baptized Oct. 19, 1645, and who had a sister, Sarah, who was baptized

<sup>1</sup>The following extract from Norwalk Town Records, Vol. II, will explain the Hale-Olmsted home-lot jointure:

"Thomas Adgate, of Norwich, May 30, 1663, administrator of Richard Bushnell's estate, and having married said Bushnell's widow (Mary, daughter of Matthew Marvin, Sr.), sells one home-lot with house, trees, etc., to Richard Olmsted; which said home-lot was purchased of Samuel Hale, late of Norwalk, by Richard Bushnell, and which said home-lot was pur-

chased by the said Samuel Hale of his brother, Thos. Hale, unto which Thomas Hale, the plantation granted the same—four acres—in home-lot, etc., sold to Richard Olmsted for £20." This homestead Richard Olmsted, Sr., bequeathed to his son James,<sup>1st</sup> with the permission that he (Jas.) might exchange ("within one year and a day after the decease of Richard") lots with John Olmsted. James Olmsted<sup>1st</sup> did so exchange." One or both brothers Hale went to Charles-town, as per Norwalk record.



May 24, 1647, and a sister Hannah, baptized June 22, 1661, married Elizabeth, daughter of Francis Willoughby, and had :

Ebenezer, born 1669.

Samuel,<sup>2d</sup>. born May, 1678.

Abigail, born 1672.

Jedediah, born Aug., 1681.

Samuel Campfield<sup>1st</sup> appears to have accompanied his father to Newark, but to have returned again to Norwalk. His house would seem to have been on the west side of the river, near "Campfield Hill," which was evidently the rise of ground southerly of the summit of Flax Hill. The old "Stamford path" ran in its neighborhood. When Matthew Campfield left Norwalk for Newark his landed estate, including his home-lot, fell to his son, Samuel, from whose three sons, Ebenezer, Samuel and Jedediah, the Campfield name spread throughout this part of the Colony.

Ebenezer, oldest son of Samuel,<sup>1st</sup> and the oldest grandson of Matthew Campfield, the charterer, married, at the age of twenty-five (March 24, 1694), first, a Henery, and had a large family, his children being :

Patience, born Oct. 8, 1695.

Jabez, born Oct. 20, 1705.

Ebenezer,<sup>2d</sup>. born Aug. 24, 1698.

Lydia, born March 11, 1706.

Timothy, born Sept. 16, 1700.

Matthew, born Oct. 12, 1707.

Mary,<sup>1</sup> born Aug. 5, 1701.

Ezekiel, born Nov. 6, 1709.

Elizabeth, born June 5, 1702.

David, born April 14, 1711.

Ebenezer Campfield<sup>1st</sup> married, second, Sarah Youngs, of Stamford.

The only daughter of Samuel Campfield, Abigail, married Jonathan Rockwell, son of John Rockwell, of Stamford, and brother of Thomas, of Norwalk. These two brothers, the etymology of whose name signifies, it is said, "all for God and the King," were

"Solomon Tuttle, who married Mary, daughter of Samuel Campfield,<sup>1st</sup> lived in Ridgefield and the Oblong and was a son of David<sup>1st</sup> and Mary (Reed) Tuttle. Mary Reed, daughter of John<sup>1st</sup> and Ann (Derby) Reed, married David Tuttle, Nov. 24, 1698. Catherine, daughter of David,<sup>1st</sup> and sister of Solomon Tuttle, married John, born Dec. 21, 1704, son of Edmond<sup>1st</sup> and Elizabeth (Bouton) Warren, and brother of Eliakim Warren.<sup>1st</sup> A letter has been found, subscribed by Solomon Warren and addressed to his sister Catherine's brother-in-law, Edmond Warren, Jr., of which the following is a copy :

"Jan. 11, 1732.

"LOVING BROTHER,—I desire you to take ye letter subscribed to Mr. Fitch, Esq., (Gov. Thos. Fitch) and carry it to him and desire him to send a bond that he has in his hands by you for me, and if he demands a shilling or so I desire you to pay it and I will pay it you again when ye fetch the bond, but if you can send it up to me pretty quickly, I will pay you for your trouble.

"The reason for my writing to you is the confidence which I have of your doing me ye favor and that speedily for my business requires haste.

"This with my humble services for yourself and spouse and all friends is all at present from him that is willing to serve you upon all accounts as far as possible.

SOLOMON TUTTLE."

The Weston Warrens have choicely preserved this document with sundry writing, etc., which they claim appertain to the family of Joseph Warren, (father of Gen. Joseph Warren) of Mass.

John and Catherine (Tuttle) Waring had a son, John, born 1736, whose son, Peter, born 1781, married Esther Crosby, and had John Thomas Waring, born 1820, the heavy Yonkers, N. Y., manufacturer, and who built for his home the elegant establishment now known as the Samuel J. Tilden mansion on the Hudson. Mr. John T. Waring married Jeanette Palmer Baldwin and had a daughter, Cornelia Baldwin, who married Jesse, son of Reuben and grandson of James Moody Hoyt, formerly of Norwalk.





grandsons of John<sup>1st</sup>. and Elizabeth (Weed) Rockwell of Stamford. John Rockwell<sup>1st</sup>. appeared in Stamford from Stonington, in 1639. He was a "Son of Liberty." His wife was Elizabeth Weed, of Stamford. Thomas Rockwell, brother of Jonathan, married Sarah, daughter of John Rusco,<sup>1st</sup>. of Norwalk.

Samuel,<sup>2d</sup>. son of Samuel<sup>1st</sup>. and Elizabeth Campfield, married Aug. 1, 1709, Abigail, daughter of Thomas Austin, of Stamford, and had Samuel,<sup>3d</sup>. born June 4, 1710.<sup>1</sup> Mrs. Samuel Campfield<sup>2d</sup>. died seven days after the birth of her son, Samuel, and her husband married, second, May 9, 1711, Abigail, daughter of John Dean, of Stamford.

Jedediah, son of Samuel<sup>1st</sup>. and Elizabeth Campfield, was married in about 1719, as he had a son, Abraham, born in Norwalk, in 1720, who went, when a boy of ten years, to Bedford, N. Y., where he married, Jan. 27, 1748. His father died while Jedediah was in his nonage and Zerubbabel Hoyt was appointed his guardian.

#### OF CAMPFIELD DESCENT.

Lydia, born March 11, 1706, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Henery) Campfield, married Joseph Crofoot, which Campfield-Crofoot union introduces a family chain, the links of which a number of old Norwalk households unite to forge. Ebenezer, son of Joseph Crofoot, married a daughter of Jacob and Experience (Reed) St. John. Jacob St. John was a son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Comstock) St. John, which Ebenezer St. John was a son of Matthias<sup>2d</sup>. and Elizabeth St. John, who were son and daughter-in-law of Matthias St. John, Sr. Mrs. Ebenezer Crofoot was a daughter of John Reed,<sup>2d</sup>. son of John<sup>1st</sup>. and Ann (Derby) Reed. These had a son, Joseph,<sup>2d</sup>. who married May 15, 1776, Esther St. John, and had Ebenezer, born May 10, 1777. Joseph Crofoot lived in the old house, still standing, on the Silvermine road, next home, west side, above the Crofoot Corner. Ebenezer, son of Joseph Crofoot, married, Sept. 3, 1795, Sarah Gregory, who was the daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Raymond) Gregory, who were married Dec. 29, 1776. Elias Gregory was the son of Ensign Matthew Gregory, born 1711, who was a son of Deacon Matthew, born 1680, who was the son of Jachin, (see page 82) son of John<sup>1st</sup>. and Sarah Gregory, the Gregory settlers. Ebenezer and Sarah (Gregory) Crofoot's children were Esther (Mrs. Noah Smith, first, and Mrs. Daniel Chase, second,); Betsey Ann (Mrs. Darius St. John); Sarah (Mrs. Charles Thomas); Electa (Mrs. Matthew Kellogg); Matilda (Mrs. Rev. Eli Deniston); Abigail (Mrs. Josiah Raymond) and Giles, twins; Catherine (Mrs. Reuben Holmes) and Minot. Matthew, father of Elias Gregory, was brother of the grandfather of Ira Gregory, M.D., late of Norwalk. The late William Gregory Thomas, of Norwalk and Albany, and his brothers Henry, Charles, James and George, were sons of Charles and Sarah (Crofoot) Thomas. Charles Thomas was a Norwalk lumber merchant, and his son Wm. G., a widely known and esteemed Albany, N. Y., business man and citizen.

<sup>1</sup>Removed to Kent, Conn., and had Samuel,<sup>4th</sup>. who had Samuel,<sup>5th</sup>. born in 1770, who had Samuel,<sup>6th</sup>. born Jan. 3, 1809, who had an adze made in 1731 by Samuel,<sup>3d</sup>. born in Norwalk in 1710.



## HOME-LOT XX.

JONATHAN MARSH.  
EPHRAIM LOCKWOOD.

On the crest of the Earle's Hill of 1896, and embracing the structure known as the Earle summer residence, stood the home-lot of, first, Jonathan Marsh, the early Norwalk miller, and after Jan. 30, 1664, the hearthstone of Ephraim Lockwood. Mr. Marsh seems to have hailed from New Haven. He "ran," probably with intermittent success, Norwalk's original mill, but does not appear to have long been an incumbent of the position. Of his Norwalk residence there is no extended record. He, it is quite possible, removed, anon, from the town and "left no sign." He, in 1664, sold a portion of his property, his house and about one acre, to Ephraim Lockwood, who thenceforth tenanted the property, and there, the next year, founded the cradle of all the Norwalk Lockwoods.

Ephraim<sup>1</sup> born Dec. 1, 1641, son of Robert Lockwood, of Watertown, Mass., married, in Norwalk, June 8, 1665, Mercie, daughter of Matthias St. John<sup>2</sup>, settler, and had:

John, born March 19, 1666.

Daniel, born Aug. 13, 1668.

Sarah, born Nov. 3, 1670, (Mrs. John Platt<sup>3</sup>).

Ephraim, born May 1, 1673, (died "before he came of age").

Eliphalet,<sup>1st</sup> born Feb. 27, 1675.

Joseph,<sup>1st</sup> born April 1, 1680.

James,<sup>1st</sup> born April 21, 1683.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ephraim Lockwood was the fifth child and fourth son of Robert and Susanna Lockwood, of Watertown, Mass., in 1630, and of Fairfield, Conn., in 1646. His father died in Fairfield, in 1658, and his mother, who married, second, Jeffrey Ferris, of Greenwich, Conn., died in this latter town, Dec. 23, 1660.

<sup>2</sup> John Platt,<sup>2d</sup> who married, May 1695, Sarah, daughter of Ephraim Lockwood, was born June 1st, 1664, and was the son of John<sup>1st</sup> and Hannah (Clark) Platt, which John Platt<sup>1st</sup> was the son of Richard Platt,<sup>1st</sup> of Milford, and his wife (Mrs. John Platt<sup>1st</sup>), was the daughter of George Clark, of Milford.

<sup>3</sup> James Lockwood<sup>1st</sup> was the founder of the so-called "Lockwood District," of New Canaan. His father-in-law, Samuel Smith, owned, in 1722-3, ninety acres on the south part, east side, of Smiths Ridge, which parcel was bounded, east, by land of his son-in-law, James Lockwood<sup>1st</sup>. (Norwalk Town Records, Vol. V). James Lockwood and Lydia Smith were married Oct. 23, 1707. Sam'l. Smith married Rachel, born Dec. 30, 1649, daughter of Matthew<sup>1st</sup> and Elizabeth Marvin, so that Mrs. James Lockwood<sup>1st</sup> was a grand-daughter of the Norwalk Marvin progenitor. The children of James Lockwood<sup>1st</sup> were:

Lydia, born Dec. 17, 1710, died June 18, 1712.

Hannah, born Oct. 23, 1713.

James,<sup>2d</sup> (Rev.) born Dec. 20, 1714.

Lydia,<sup>2d</sup> born Jan 10, 1716-17.

Job,<sup>1st</sup> born July 13, 1718, died May 30, 1761.

John, born Feb. 8, 1719-20.

Samuel, (Rev.) born Nov. 30, 1721.

Hannah, second child of James Lockwood,<sup>1st</sup> married Dr. Uriah Rogers (see page 179). Her brother James, married, Nov. 4, 1742, Mary, born Aug. 18, 1721, daughter of Rev. Moses and Martha Dickinson, of Norwalk, and had six sons and six daughters. This family lived in Wethersfield. Sam'l., the youngest child of James Lockwood,<sup>1st</sup> was also a clergyman. He married Annie, daughter of Hezekiah and Anne (Stillman) May, of Wethersfield, but had no children of his own. His foster son was William (Rev.), son of Rev. James Lockwood, his brother. Job Lockwood,<sup>1st</sup> born 1718, son of James,<sup>1st</sup> had a son, James, born Oct. 25, 1746, died Oct. 30, 1833, who married, Dec. 30, 1767, Phæbe, born June 21, 1748, daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Rogers) Lockwood, and had three children, Job, born Sept. 13, 1768, James, born May 1, 1770, and Asa, born Feb. 10, 1772. The last two died young, but Job lived to marry. Jan. 12, 1791, Sarah Hickox, and had three





## SECOND LOCKWOOD GENERATION.

John, son of Ephraim and Mercie Lockwood, had no descendants. We find that when he was twenty-one, land was recorded to him and that he had moderate "estate-accommodations." He died, unmarried, at the age of twenty-four, his mother and brother Daniel being his estate-administrators.

Daniel, second son of Ephraim and Mercie Lockwood, lived to the age of forty-four. His will was probated Jan<sup>y</sup> 7, 1712-13. His wife was Sarah, born June 16, 1677, daughter of James (son of Thos.<sup>1st</sup>) and Sarah (Gregory) Benedict, and his children, all daughters, being:

Sarah, born April, 1700.

Rebecca, born July, 1708.

(Mrs. Nathan Barnum,<sup>1</sup> of Danbury.)

Phœbe, born Nov. 1, 1701.

Deborah,<sup>2</sup> born 1709.

(Mrs. Samuel Knapp, of Danbury.)

Ann,<sup>3</sup> born between 1709-1712.

Eliphalet,<sup>1st</sup> fourth son of Ephraim and Mercie Lockwood, married, Oct. 11, 1699, Mary, daughter of John Gold, of Stamford, and had:

Hannah, born July 28, 1700.

John, born Jan. 8, 1707-8.

(Died July 16, 1712.)

(Died Oct. 17, 1734; prob. unmarried.)

Damaris, born Nov. 7, 1701.

Mercie, born April 11, 1709.

(Died Oct. 1, 1712.)

A son, born Nov. 28, 1703.

Peter, born March 16, 1710-11.

(Died Dec. 20, 1703.)

Mary, born Nov. 4, 1704.

Hannah,<sup>2d</sup> born July 12, 1712.

(Died Oct. 27, 1712.)

Eliphalet,<sup>2d</sup> born June 24, 1706.

Abigail, born Oct. 17, 1716.

Joseph,<sup>1st</sup> fifth son of Ephraim and Mercie Lockwood, married, Aug. 14, 1707, Mary, daughter of John Wood, of Stamford, and had:

daughters, Abigail, born Oct. 13, 1791, Hannah, born July 1, 1793, and Polly, born Sept. 28, 1795.

Phœbe, the first wife of James, son of Job Lockwood,<sup>1st</sup> died March 5, 1773, and her husband married, second, Nov. 9, 1774, Abigail, born Apr. 24, 1753, daughter of Lemuel and Phœbe (Keeler) DeForest. (see page 278) and had Lemuel, born April 14, 1779, who died young; David, born Jan. 31, 1782; James, born Nov. 22, 1784, and Samuel, born April 30, 1786. The last mentioned David Lockwood married twice. His first wife died Jan. 19, 1809, and he married, second, Mary, born April 10, 1782, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Warren) Kellogg, and had Samuel, James and Elizabeth. Sam'l. Kellogg, one of the three children of David and Mary (Kellogg) Lockwood, married Mary, daughter of Capt. Stephen and Siley (Benedict) Hoyt, and had Frederick H.; Samuel E.,

died young; Stephen H.; Edwin H. (Yale University 1896); Samuel K. The mother of these children survives the father and lives at the old home, between Canoe Hill and Smith's Ridge. James, son of David and Mary Lockwood, married Sarah Hall, and had Mary (Mrs. M. F. Osborn) and David, who married Bettie Meeker.

<sup>1</sup>An ancestress of T. D. Rogers, of Norwalk, 1896.

<sup>2</sup>She owned, left to her by her father, the "Betts Woods" of 1896. The same were sold in 1725 to Thos., son of Rev. Thos. Hanford, for £32, 14s.

<sup>3</sup>She was evidently born an invalid. Her uncles, James and Joseph, petitioned the Fairfield Court, May 13, 1714, to set off the home-lot to their invalid young niece. It was consequently sold, one and one-half acres, to Alexander Resseguie, for the benefit of the child.



Ephraim, born Aug. 23, 1708.

Joseph,<sup>2d</sup> born Nov. 23, 1710.

Ruth, born July 17, 1714.

(Mrs. David Hoyt.)

Mary, born March 7, 1719-20.

(Mrs. Nathaniel Benedict.)

Elizabeth, born May 23, 1721.

(Mrs. Nathan Hoyt.)

Sarah, born Nov. 28, 1723.

(Died Feb. 1, 1726-7.)

Isaac,<sup>1</sup> born Dec. 24, 1726.

James Lockwood,<sup>1st</sup> youngest son of Ephraim and Mercie Lockwood, married, Oct. 23, 1707, Lydia, daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Marvin) Smith, of Norwalk, and had:

Lydia,<sup>1st</sup> born Dec. 17, 1710. Died Jan. 18, 1712. Lydia,<sup>2d</sup> born Jan 10, 1716-17.

Hannah

Job, born July 13, 1718.

James,<sup>2d</sup> (Rev.) born Dec. 20, 1714.

John,<sup>2</sup> born Feb. 8, 1719-20.

Samuel, (Rev.) born Nov. 30, 1721.

<sup>1</sup>Isaac Lockwood<sup>1st</sup> inherited his father Joseph's large home property. This estate fronted on the present Newtown Avenue (east side) from the Jarvis Hill upper corner (opposite the northern limits of St. Paul's Church site) almost as far north as the North Centre School house of 1896. From this latter point the boundary line ran east as far as the back road which forms the western limits of the new County home for Children on the Westport road, from whence the line took a westerly direction (on the Westport road) back to the starting point opposite the Jarvis home. Isaac Lockwood married Jan 10, 1755, Ruth, daughter of Hezekiah and Margaret (Harris) Whitney. Ruth's father was the first elected vestryman of St. Paul's Parish. The children of Isaac<sup>1st</sup> and Ruth Lockwood were:

Hezekiah,<sup>1st</sup> born Nov. 15, 1755.

Mary, born July 24, 1757.

Ruth, born April 4, 1759.

Isaac,<sup>2d</sup> born Dec. 22, 1761.

Jeremiah, born March 23, 1764.

Josiah, born May 18, 1766.

Samuel, born Jan. 24, 1769.

Sarah, born Jan. 21, 1772.

David.

Mercie (or Mary) Mrs. Nathaniel Stuart).

After Isaac Lockwood's decease his widow married, second, a Lyons.

Hezekiah,<sup>1st</sup> oldest son of Isaac Lockwood,<sup>1st</sup> married, Jan. 25, 1776, Catherine, daughter of Daniel Seymour, and had Hannah (who became the wife of William Haynes Fitch); Lewis; Elizabeth (Mrs. Robert Cameron, Sr.); Sarah; David (father of Deacon Charles Lockwood, whose son, Charles Seymour Lockwood, lives in 1896 on East Avenue).

Robert Cameron, Senior, born June 15, 1771, a Scotchman, came in about 1801, from Canada to Norwalk. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Hezekiah Lockwood,<sup>1st</sup> and his children were Jane, Robert,<sup>2d</sup> Allen, John and James (died in infancy). They lived

in the old Isaac Lockwood house, since known as "the Cameron house," on Newtown Avenue. This house was burned by Tryon and a new one (Cameron house of 1896) was put up immediately. As this structure was erected soon after the town's burning there were only old men and boys (the middle-aged men were mostly in the war) left to do the work. This accounts for the somewhat slight construction of the old building. Jane, daughter of Robert Cameron,<sup>1st</sup> married Joseph Warren Hoyt, brother of Rev. Melancthon Hoyt. Her brother, Robert,<sup>2d</sup> married Ann Bronson, of Middlebury, Conn., and her brother, Allen, married, first, Abigail Bennett, and, second, the widow of Edwin Sherwood, formerly of Norwalk. Mr. Allen Cameron's two wives were sisters. John Cameron, son of Robert,<sup>1st</sup> married April 10, 1830, Rachel, daughter of Lockwood and Elizabeth (Raymond) Baker, and had John Wesley, who died young, and Jane, who married, Oct. 25, 1851, Stephen, son of Jessup (see page 235) and Sarah (Johnson) St. John, and had Rachel Jane, Stephen, Robert Cameron, Julia Elizabeth and Peter Alanson. The last child died young.

Hezekiah Lockwood,<sup>1st</sup> son of Isaac,<sup>1st</sup> was a Revolutionary soldier. His home was the present Cameron house on Newtown Avenue.

<sup>2</sup>This John Lockwood married, April 27, 1746, Mary, born Jan. 29, 1718-19, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Betts) Keeler, and grand-daughter of Samuel and Sarah (St. John) Keeler, and great grand-daughter of Ralph Keeler.<sup>1st</sup> The children of John and Mary Lockwood were Mary, born Dec. 18, 1748 (Mrs. Jedediah Brown); Lydia, born May 22, 1751, (Mrs. Hezekiah Raymond); Sarah, and Hannah, born Jan. 23, 1757, who married James Smith. The statements of this foot-note and those of the second sub-note of page 263 are with some difficulty fully reconcilable, nevertheless, both Fairfield Probate and Norwalk Town Records attest to the truth, at least, in some measure, of the notes' attestations.



OF ELIPHALET LOCKWOOD<sup>1st</sup> DESCENT.

Peter, son of Eliphalet<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Lockwood, married, Sept. 8, 1737, Abigail, born Jan. 1, 1715-16, oldest daughter of Rev. Thomas and Abigail (Gold) Hawley, of Ridgefield, and had :

Abigail, born Oct. 17, 1738. Hannah, born Sept. 23, 1743.

(Mrs. Benj. Betts, Jr.)<sup>1</sup> (Mrs. Asahel Fitch.)

Eliphalet,<sup>2d</sup> born Oct. 17, 1741. Mary, born Aug. 21, 1745.

(Mrs. Nehemiah DeForest.)

Dorothy,<sup>1st</sup> born Dec. 7, 1747. (Died June 23, 1750.)

The first Mrs. Peter Lockwood died June 6, 1749, and her husband married, second, Jan. 1, 1750-51, Elizabeth, born Feb. 17, 1727-28, daughter of David and Laurana (Bill) Lambert, and had:

Lambert,<sup>1st</sup> born Dec. 14, 1753, died June 1, 1754.

Dorothy,<sup>2d</sup> born Aug. 10, 1755.

(Married, first, Abraham Gregory, and, second, Comfort Hoyt.)

Lambert,<sup>2d</sup> born July 17, 1757; married Elizabeth Roe.<sup>2</sup>

Gould, died without descent.

Peter Lockwood married, third, Hannah Fitch. (see "Lockwood Family in U. S.")

## OF PETER LOCKWOOD DESCENT.

Eliphalet,<sup>2d</sup> only son of Peter and Abigail Lockwood, married, January 8, 1766, Susanna, daughter of Capt. Joseph and Susanna (Selleck) St. John, and had :

Susanna,<sup>1st</sup> born April 1, 1767, died young.

William, born May 12, 1768.

Susanna,<sup>2d</sup> born May 28, 1771, died in 1793, (unmarried).

Buckingham St. John, born Dec. 23, 1774.

Abigail, born July 15, 1776, died aged eighteen, Nov. 16, 1794.

Eliphalet, born Dec. 17, 1778, (unmarried).

Hooker St. John, born Apr. 8, 1782, died aged sixteen, Sept. 2, 1798.

Susanna St. John (Mrs. Eliphalet Lockwood) was the oldest child of Capt. Joseph St. John,<sup>2d</sup> who was a son of Joseph<sup>1st</sup> and Sarah (Betts) St. John, which Joseph<sup>1st</sup> was son of Mark and Elizabeth (Stanley) St. John, which Mark was son of Matthias St. John, the settler.

Mrs. Joseph St. John, born Sept. 3, 1709, (the mother of Mrs. Eliphalet Lockwood)

<sup>1</sup>Benj. Betts, Jr., born Nov. 7, 1733, was a son of Benj.<sup>1st</sup> and Rebecca (Taylor) Betts, and a grandson of James and Hannah (Bouton) Betts, and great grandson of Thos. Betts, the settler. The grand-  
father of Benj. Jr., (James,) gave to his father, Benj. Betts,<sup>1st</sup> the house and lot on the Wilton road where the family lived (opposite the Lambert place).  
<sup>2</sup>Daughter of Rev. Azel Roe, D.D.





Nov. 28, 1842, an engaging visitor, when a youth, at his Troy grandmother's fine old Albany Street home, who married Elizabeth Wharton, of Philadelphia, and became one of that city's wealthiest and most distinguished residents. He had a brother, Stephen, born Feb. 4, 1844, who died April 28, 1846.

Anna Chester, youngest daughter of Stephen and Martha C. Warren, married, when twenty-four years of age (June 5, 1850), Edward, son of Chas. and Susan C. Ingersoll, of Philadelphia, and grandson of Hon. Chas. Jared and Mary Ingersoll, and had :

Stephen Warren, born April 8, 1851.  
(Married Josephine Bond; died Oct., 1864.)

Mary Wilcocks, born Aug. 19, 1852.  
(Mrs. James Logan Fisher.)

Phoebe Warren, born March 23, 1854.  
(Mrs. Harry Wilcocks McCall.)

Anna Warren, born Sept. 7, 1855.  
(Mrs. Charles Morton Smith.)

Charles Edward, born June 17, 1860.  
(Married Rita Sturges.)

Henry McKean, born Jan. 29, 1862.

Jennie Hobart, born Oct. 27, 1865.

John Hobart, youngest son of Stephen and Martha C. Warren, married, first, May 16, 1853, Eliza Atwood Tibbits (daughter of Hon. Geo. M. Tibbits), an estimable lady and one of admirable presence. She died April, 1870, and Mr. Warren married, second, Harriette M. Coulter, of New York. There were no children by these marriages.

#### BURLOCK-WARREN-DEFOREST ADDENDUM.

In the ancient town of Stratford, an emphatic DeForest hearthstone, and a short distance S. E. of Christ Church, is the site of the first Connecticut house built by a Norwalk DeForest ancestor. The family is of French origin. Jesse and Maria (DuCloux) DeForest had a son, Isaac, who sailed, in 1636, for New Amsterdam. Isaac married in this country, July 9, 1641, Sarah, daughter of Phillip Du Trieux, who lived in Harlem and had many American children. Among these children of Isaac, who was appointed by Stuyvesent as Great Burgher, Jan. 28, 1658, the youngest, David,<sup>1st</sup> baptized Sept., 1669, married, at thirty years of age, Martha, daughter of Samuel Blagge, and grand-daughter of Capt. Benj. Blagge. David<sup>1st</sup> and Martha DeForest settled in Stratford, where they had David,<sup>2d</sup> born 1702. David<sup>2d</sup> and Abigail DeForest had a son, Lemuel, baptized 1728, who married Phoebe Keeler, of Norwalk. These had a daughter, Abigail, born April 24, 1753. This daughter married, Nov. 9, 1774, as his second wife, James, son of Job and Rachel Lockwood, and grandson of James and Lydia (Smith) Lockwood. James and Abigail (DeForest) Lockwood had Lemuel, David and Samuel Lockwood. Lemuel died young but David and Samuel were the prominent New Canaan residents of the "Lockwood District," in that town, which three brothers bore DeForest family names. David, the second brother, was the grandfather of Edwin Hoyt Lockwood, historian of New Canaan and a tutor (1896) in Yale University.

Samuel DeForest, brother of David,<sup>2d</sup> and son of David<sup>1st</sup> and Martha DeForest,



1686  
 was the daughter of Nathan and Susanna (Hooker) Selleck. Nathan Selleck, born Sept. 12, 1786, was the oldest child of Jonathan and Abigail (Gold) Selleck, and his wife, Susanna, baptized June 8, 1690, was the only child of William Hooker, of Farmington, Conn. As William Hooker was the son (third) of Rev. Samuel (and Mary Swanzey) Hooker, who was the son of Rev. Thomas Hooker, the founder of Hartford, it follows that all of Eliphalet and Susanna Lockwood's descendants are of Thomas Hooker blood. These same Lockwood descendants are also of the blood of Major Nathan Gold, of Fairfield, and of Hon. Richard Law, of Stamford. Hooker, Law and Gold is one of the strongest family combinations in New England.

William, the oldest son of Eliphalet and Susanna Lockwood, married, Dec. 31, 1796, Hannah, born June 26, 1776, daughter of James and Sarah (Weed) Selleck, of Norwalk. James Selleck, born 1742, was the eighth son of David and Mercie (Waterbury) Selleck. David Selleck, born Dec. 23, 1700, was the oldest child of Nathaniel and Sarah (Lockwood) Selleck, of Stamford. He was married, Jan. 3, 1723, to Mercie, born Jan. 27, 1706, daughter of Lieut. David and Sarah (Weed) Waterbury, which David and Sarah were married (Lieutenant Waterbury's second marriage) Aug. 11, 1698. David Selleck's mother is supposed to have been the daughter of Jonathan Lockwood, of Stamford, which Jonathan was a brother of Ephraim Lockwood,<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk. The children of William and Hannah Lockwood were:

William Selleck, born Oct. 1, 1797.

Hooker, born April 2, 1801, died July 5, 1801.

Susanna, born May 31, 1803, (Mrs. George St. John).

Charlotte S., born Dec. 29, 1805, (Mrs. Leonard Bradley).

William Lockwood died Jan. 17, 1843. His son, William S., one of Norwalk's staunchest and most excellent sons, married Oct. 26, 1831, Catherine, born Dec. 17, 1807, daughter of William and Catherine (King) Hawley, of Ridgefield, and had:

Jane Elizabeth, born July 20, 1839.<sup>1</sup>

(Mrs. Henry E. Hawley, married Feb. 12, 1862.)

William Augustus, (M.D.) born March 26, 1841.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Jane Elizabeth, daughter of Wm. S. and Catherine (Hawley) Lockwood, married February 12, 1862, Henry E., son of Irad and Sarah (Holmes) Hawley, and had:

Elizabeth, born Jan. 25, 1865, (died young).

Edith Judson, born September 7, 1866, (Mrs. Coleman Williams).

Sarah, born October 15, 1868, (Mrs. T. Halsted Myers).

Henrietta Eugenia, born May 19, 1881.

Edith Judson, daughter of Henry E. and Jane Elizabeth Hawley, was married Jan. 24, 1894, to Coleman Williams, and had Sarah, born Feb. 5, 1895;

Edith, born May 4, 1897, and Coleman Hawley, born March 31, 1898.

Sarah, daughter of Henry E. and Jane Elizabeth Hawley, married October 6, 1897, T. Halsted Myers. Her sister, Henrietta Eugenia, is unmarried.

<sup>2</sup>William Augustus, M.D., son of William S. and Catherine (Hawley) Lockwood, married Nov. 12th, 1868, Frances Isaacs, born July 18, 1846, daughter of Frederick and Ann Terrell (Isaacs) St. John, and had Arthur, who died young, and Frederick St. John, born October 30, 1869, who married, June 26, 1897, Minnie Apell, of New York. Mrs. Dr. Wm. Augustus Lockwood died March 8, 1882.





Charles Edward, (M.D.) born Dec. 31, 1842.<sup>1</sup>

Arthur Hawley, born July 17, 1844 (died young).

Hannah Selleck, born Feb. 9, 1846, (Mrs. George B. St. John).<sup>2</sup>

Henry Buckingham,<sup>3</sup> born Aug. 1, 1847.

William S. Lockwood died July 27, 1886, and his wife died Oct. 30, 1873.

Susanna, daughter of William and Hannah Lockwood, married, as his first wife, Feb. 14, 1826, George, born Aug. 1, 1803, son of Stephen Buckingham and Sarah (Cannon) St. John, and had:

Susanna L., born Feb. 2, 1827.

Charlotte Bradley, born Aug. 21, 1828.

(Died Aug. 1, 1832.)

(Died Aug. 17, 1832.)

George Buckingham, born Sept. 14, 1832.

The first Mrs. George St. John died September 23, 1832, and her husband married, second, March 6, 1834, Mary Lockwood DeForest,<sup>4</sup> daughter of William DeForest, of Fairfield, now Bridgeport, (see page 279) and had:

Sarah Cannon, born Oct. 22, 1836. Mary Amelia, born June 25, 1840.

<sup>1</sup>Charles Edward, M.D., son of William S. and Catherine (Hawley) Lockwood, married February 12, 1867, E. Leila, daughter of Commodore Edward and Esther M. Shubrick, and had Minnie Shubrick, born Nov. 16, 1867. This daughter, Minnie or Mary Shubrick Lockwood, married Eversley, son of Wm. Henry Harrison and Maria (Eversley) Childs, and had:

Dorothy Shubrick, born Aug. 4, 1891.

Eversley, born Feb. 3, 1893.

William Henry Harrison, born Dec. 24, 1894.

<sup>2</sup>Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. St. John reside in the remarkably preserved home of Mrs. St. John's father (the late William S. Lockwood), corner of Knight Street and North Avenue. This house, the picture, inside and out, of peace, was built in 1809. It is one of the three Lockwood brothers' (Eliphalet, William and Buckingham St. John) home sites of the early part of the closing century. The deep grounds, now for a larger part, an emerald lawn, were hastily passed on Sunday morning, July 11, 1779, by a detachment of either Tryon's or Garth's men who, when they reached the spot, chanced to see a serving man at the well of the afterward Eliphalet Lockwood,<sup>3d</sup> and now the Wm. B. E. Lockwood home. At once a soldier (perhaps more than one) aimed and fired, but the colored employee dodged quickly and escaped harm. Mr. and Mrs. St. John, the present occupants of the ancestral William and William S. Lockwood heritage, enjoy the old memories of the place, and take, amid its many endearing associations, true comfort. Their premises and neighborhood are old Lockwood ground. The long, ancient and modern Lockwood tenure of Norwalk property is somewhat remarkable. A portion of the East Avenue elevation which has re-

cently been graded by the Wm. B. E. Lockwood family, was known as long ago as Feb. 26, 1725, by the name of "Lockwood's Hill." The handsome green-sward which fronts the 1896 substantial stone dwelling of Col. Frederick St. John Lockwood was the purchase (£60) Oct. 7, 1718, from John Bouton by the uncle (Samuel Cluckstone) of Mrs. John Cannon,<sup>1st</sup> from which uncle the property fell to Mrs. Cannon, upon which her husband (of Lockwood family association) erected Norwalk's first Cannon home, and on which stands also to-day a section of the heavy timbered barn which the son (Samuel) of Mrs. John Cannon (Esther Perry, see page 13) originally built at the summit of "Mill Hill," and which Col. Buckingham St. John Lockwood removed to East Avenue, where, a half century ago, it was known as "the old red barn," the generous "bays" of which packed with sweetly-scented fresh cut hay, sport-tempted, summers quite agone, the Troy, Cannon and Warren young blood. Joseph St. John, the ancestor of all of Eliphalet Lockwood's<sup>2d</sup> line, serenely lived where now bloom the Earle flower beds on Earle's Hill, and although none of his lineage have any claim to-day to the spot (so valuable that the lot adjoining it sold, a half-century before the Revolution, for £300), still it is a curious coincidence that the family coat of arms was, only a few years since, accidentally found buried beneath the ancient Joseph St. John home-hearth soil, thus, as it were, silently attesting to its early proprietorship.

<sup>3</sup>Henry Buckingham, son of Wm. S. and Catherine (Hawley) Lockwood, married November 10, 1880, Helen Louise Martin. No children.

<sup>4</sup>She was first cousin of Mrs. Roger Sherman Skin-



Charles, born June 29, 1838.

Leonard, born June 28, 1842.

Marcus DeForest, born May 21, 1845.

The children all died young. Their father died Jan. 4, 1852, and their mother died Sept. 23, 1832.

The Norwalk Lockwood-King descent is from **Gen. Joshua King**, born in Braintree, Mass., Nov., 24, 1758, who entered the army as a youth when the war of the Revolution broke out, and served through the war in Col. Elisha Sheldon's Dragoons. Col. Sheldon's headquarters were at one time in Lower Salem. With the Oblong country and its Connecticut vicinity Sheldon and King were familiar, and at the time of Major Andre's Salem-durance Lieut. King was in command of the distinguished prisoner. He married Anne, born April 5, 1765, daughter of Rev. Jonathan and Dorcas (Moss) Ingersoll, of Ridgefield. The mother of Mrs. Gen. King was a sister of Abigail Moss (Mrs. Rev. Elisha Kent) and aunt of Moss Kent, who was the father of Chancellor James Kent. The children of Gen. King were Catherine (Mrs. William Hawley, whose daughter, Catherine, married William S. Lockwood, of Norwalk); Frances; Sophia; John Francis; Rufus Howard (the father of J. Howard King of 1896); Ann Maria; Charles Clark; Joshua Ingersoll; Mary Ann; Grace. Gen. Joshua King died Aug. 13, 1839, and his wife nine years previous, Dec. 30, 1830. The Kings and Hawleys have been generous abettors of the fortune and fame of the New England cradle of their ancestors, sightly Ridgefield. The homes, in that goodly town, of the present generation of both families are imposing and inviting abodes and calculated to long preserve the King and Hawley names.

ner, (see note page 280) who was the mother of the wife of Timothy Dwight, D.D., LL.D., the present able head of Yale University. Mrs. Roger M. Sherman, whose husband's uncle's (Hon. Roger Sherman) name Mr. Skinner bore, was one of the accomplished women of her day and was character-charming as well as culture-conspicuous. Her Norwalk stay was brief but her Fairfield sojourn was example-profitable as long (forty-one years) as she there remained. Her virtues and those of her New Canaan brother-in-law (Rev. Justus Mitchell) are to-day re-called (see page 200). She was of uncommon literary taste and when compelled, through infirmity, to herself forego the pleasure of reading she delighted to listen to another's voice kindly and gladly employed in her favor. On one occasion—it was Saturday afternoon—her interest in the subject, to the recital of which she had been an eager auditor, was so intense that she dwelt upon her friend's tones as long as the sun's rays were visible. When the orb of day sunk to sleep, however, her Sunday began, and so directing her neighbor to close and lay away the volume, come again, she asked, when the Sabbath shall have past. Her friend was on hand on Monday morning, but Mrs.

Sherman had, by several hours, anticipated her valued ministrations.

"O the men and O the manners," pulpit-ejaculated an aged Norwalk pastor, when putting the fact of the simplicity-truthfulness of gone generations against tendencies of the opposite sort in latter times. Modern modes to such an extent obtain that it is perhaps impossible at the present day to deservedly appreciate the commendable side of the fathers' strict observance of the first day of the week. To older New England piety Sunday was not wearisome nor its holy duties irksome. Ushered in by Saturday evening's prelude-calm the sacred tide was so restfully and refreshingly potential that when the Lord's day light faded on Sunday night the old hymn, running substantially:

Increase, O Lord, our faith; increase our hope,  
And fit us to ascend  
Where congregations ne'er break up,  
And Sabbaths ne'er shall end,

summed up not alone the fathers' and mothers' precious Sunday services but was the language of their emotions also at the going out of the privileged twenty-four hours.



The Norwalk Lockwood-Hawley descent is from Rev. Thomas and Abigail (Gold) Hawley, of Ridgefield. Rev. Thomas Hawley, born Sept. 29, 1689, son of Capt. Joseph and Lydia (Marshall) Hawley, of Roxbury, Mass., married, 1711, Abigail, daughter, of Deputy Gov. Nathan and Hannah (Talcott) Gold, of Fairfield, and had Ezekiel; Joseph; Abigail (Mrs. Peter Lockwood, of Norwalk); Elijah; Dorothy; Thomas; Nathan; Lydia (Mrs. Nathan Beers, of Norwalk); Hannah (Mrs. Nathaniel Benedict, of Norwalk), and Ebenezer. It is interesting to note that three of Rev. Thomas Hawley's four daughters married in Norwalk. William Hawley, born March 20, 1735, who married Catherine King (father and mother of Mrs. William S. Lockwood, of Norwalk), was the son of Thomas and Kejiah (Scribner) Hawley, which Thomas, born Feb. 28, 1756, was the son of Capt. Thomas and Elizabeth (Gold) Hawley, which Capt. Thomas, born Feb. 20, 1721-2, was the sixth child and fourth son of Rev. Thomas and Abigail Hawley. Capt. Thomas and Elizabeth Hawley were married Jan. 13, 1747-8. Mrs. Capt. Hawley was the daughter of John and Joanna (Hawley) Gold. John Gold, father of Mrs. Capt. Hawley, was a son of Deputy Gov. Nathan and Hannah (Talcott) Gold, of Fairfield. His wife, Joanna Hawley, was a daughter of (probably) Thomas Hawley, of Stratford. Mrs. Capt. Hawley's sister, Sarah, married David, son of Gideon and Ann (Burr) Allen, of Fairfield. Ann Burr was a daughter of Nathaniel, who was son of the first of the Fairfield Burr family, viz., Jehu. The children of William and Catherine (King) Hawley were Catherine (Mrs. Wm. S. Lockwood, of Norwalk); Jane; William King; Elizabeth; Mary Ann; Grace Ingersoll; Elijah Scribner; Margaret; Charles Henry; Henry Augustus and Frances N.

Stephen Buckingham St. John, born Oct. 3, 1779, was the second son of William<sup>1</sup> and Mary Esther (Belden) St. John and the brother of Polly (or Mary) Esther St. John, who married Buckingham St. John Lockwood. His first wife, whom he married Feb. 14, 1801, was Sarah, born Oct. 22, 1780, daughter of John and Sarah (St. John) Cannon.

<sup>1</sup>William St. John, born 1744, died Feb. 1, 1800, was the fourth child and third son of Capt. Joseph<sup>2d</sup> and Susanna St. John. His sister Susanna was the mother of Col. Buckingham St. John Lockwood and his brothers were Stephen (Col.), Hooker, who died at the age of forty, and Buckingham, a Yale tutor, who was drowned May 5, 1771, while sailing from New Haven to Norwalk. Mrs. William St. John was Mary Esther, daughter of John and Rebecca (Bartlett) Belden. The two lived in the meadow home—formerly Ralph Isaacs'—the site of which is now bisected by Morgan Avenue. This home was burned by Tryon on July 11, 1779, and Mr. Lockwood rebuilt on the N. E. corner (1896) of East and Morgan Avenues. Mr. Lockwood was a Congregationalist and his wife a Church of England woman. She overlived, by many years, her husband, and at the close of life was an invalid. "My father," writes Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, of Wisconsin, *nee* Elizabeth, daughter of Rev.

(subsequently bishop) Kemper, of the Northwest, "loved, after his Norwalk Church services on Sunday were over, to visit and converse with old Mrs. Wm. St. John," whom the providence of God debarred from attendance upon public worship. She was an excellent woman, and is well remembered to-day. Her grandfather was John Bartlett, but as her mother was a child by Mr. Bartlett's second marriage she was not of William Haynes descent (the first Mrs. John Bartlett was a daughter of Mr. Haynes). Her Belden brothers were Isaac, Amos, John and Henry, and her sister Sarah married Samuel, father of LeGrand Cannon. This was vigorous blood. John Belden's voice as he called to his men or others from his grounds (opposite St. Mary's Church on West Avenue of 1896) was distinctly heard on the east side of the river. Mrs. St. John lived to nearly one hundred years of age, and she was the grandmother of well known Norwalk sons and daughters.





John Cannon (Dr.), born July 7, 1752, was son of John<sup>1st</sup> (Commodore) and Esther (Perry) Cannon (see note page 13). Sarah, his wife, was a daughter of Col. Stephen and Ann (Fitch) St. John. The first Mrs. Stephen Buckingham St. John died April 14, 1808, leaving an only child George (Deacon George), and her husband married, second, May 21, 1811, Charlotte, born May 26, 1784, daughter of David and Sarah (Isaacs) Bush, of Greenwich, and had :

Elizabeth, born June 30, 1814, (Mrs. James A. Hoyt).

In the house which William and Mary Esther Th. John occupied before was built their permanent house (on the lot, now vacant, first south of the Jas. H. Bailey residence, south end of Norwalk Green) was born June 4, 1741, Ralph,<sup>2d</sup>. youngest son of Ralph<sup>1st</sup> and Mary (Rumsey) Isaacs. Ralph<sup>2d</sup>. left Norwalk and established himself on "Cherry Hill," in the town of Branford. He was a Yale man, class of 1761, who, soon after quitting college married Mary, daughter of Peter and Abigail Perit, of Milford, and had seven children. One of his daughters, Grace, named for his Norwalk sister, Mrs. Luke Babcock, married Jonathan Ingersoll, LL.D., of New Haven, the third child of Rev. Jonathan and Dorcas Ingersoll, of Ridgefield, and the brother of Mrs. General Joshua King, of the same town, who was the grandmother of Mrs. William S. Lockwood, of Norwalk. Dr. Jonathan and Grace (Isaacs) Ingersoll had a daughter, Grace, concerning which Norwalk-descended lady, S. G. Goodrich (Peter Parley), thus writes :

"Grace Ingersoll: how beautiful the name, how suggestive of what she was in mind, in person, in character! On a certain occasion, Grace, who was a companion of my older sister's, came to our house. I imagine she did not see or notice me. Certainly she did not discover in the shy boy in the corner her future biographer. She was tall and slender, yet fully rounded, with rich, dark hair, and large Spanish eyes—now seemingly blue and now black, and changing with the objects on which she looked, or the play of emotions within her breast. In complexion she was a brunette, yet with a melting glow in her cheek, as if she had stolen from the sun the generous hues which are reserved for the finest fruits and flowers. Her beauty was in fact so striking—at once so superb and so conciliating—that I was both awed and fascinated by her. Wherever she went I followed, though keeping at a distance, and never losing sight of her. She spent the afternoon at our house, and then departed and I saw her no more.

"It was not long after this that a Frenchman by the name of Grellet, who had come to America on some important commercial affairs, chanced to be at New York, and there saw Grace Ingersoll. Such beauty as that of the New Haven belle is rare in any country; it is never indigenous in France. Even if such could be born there, the imperious force of con-

ventional manners would have stamped itself upon her and made her a fashionable lady at the expense of that Eve-like beauty and simplicity which characterized her. It is not astonishing, then, that the stranger—accustomed as he was to all the beauty of French fashionable life—should still have been smitten with this new and startling type of female loveliness. From the first view of that fair lady M. Grellet was a doomed man. Familiar with the brilliant court of the Parisian capital, he might have passed by unharmed, even by one as fair as our heroine, had it not been for that simplicity, that Puritanism of look and manner, which belonged to the social climate in which she was brought up—so strongly in contrast to the prescribed pattern graces of a French lady. He came, he saw, he was conquered. Being made captive, he had no other way than to capitulate. He was a man of good family, a fine scholar, and a finished gentleman. He made due and honorable proposals, and was accepted—though on the part of the parents with many misgivings. Marriage ensued, and the happy pair departed for France. This took place in 1806. M. Grellet held a high social position, and on his arrival at Paris, it was a matter of propriety that his bride should be presented at court. Napoleon was then in the full flush of his imperial glory. As she was presented to him, in the midst of a dazzling throng, blazing with orders and diamonds, she was a little agitated, and her foot was entangled for a moment in her long train—then an indispensable part of the court costume. Napoleon said in her hearing, *voilà de la gaucherie Americaine*, American awkwardness. Madam Grellet, however, survived the shock of this discourtesy. She soon became a celebrity in the court circles, and always maintained pre-eminence, alike for beauty of person, grace of manners, and delicacy and dignity of character. More than once she had her revenge upon the Emperor, when in the center of an admiring circle, he, with others, paid homage to her fascinations. M. Grellet became one of Bonaparte's receivers-general, and took up his residence in the Department of the Dordogne—though spending the winters in Paris. Upon the fall of Napoleon, he lost his office, but was re-appointed during the "hundred days," only to lose it again upon the final restoration of Louis XVIII. The shadows now gathered thick and dark around



Frances Bush, born Nov. 16, 1819 (Mrs. Geo. A. Lally).<sup>1</sup>

Stephen Buckingham St. John died Aug. 12, 1831, and his widow, the prompt and energetic "widow Buckingham St. John" of later times, survived him until May 16, 1865. The last years of the second Mrs. Buckingham St. John were passed in New Haven, but the old Norwalk homestead was improved and well sustained by her capable daughter, Mrs. James A. Hoyt, whose husband was the son of James I. and grandson of Isaac and Mary (Raymond) Hoyt (see note page 135) and first cousin of Hon. John and Major Gen. W. T. Sherman. James A. Hoyt died April 24, 1876, and his wife May 21, 1891. Their children were :

Charles, born Dec. 14, 1835.

(Died Dec. 8, 1862.)

Charlotte Frances, b. Mar. 25, 1838.

(Died Nov. 23, 1859.)

Buckingham, born June 8, 1448.

Goold, born July 30, 1851.

him. His wife having taking a violent cold was attacked with pleurisy, which resulted in a gradual decline. Gently but surely her life faded away. Death loves a shining mark, and at the early age of five-and-twenty she descended to the tomb. With two lovely daughters—the remembrances of his love and affection—M. Grellet returned to the south of France, and in the course of years, he too was numbered with the dead.

"Almost half a century passed away, and the memory of Grace Ingersoll had long been obliterated from my mind, when it was accidentally recalled. One evening being at the Tuileries—among the celebrities of the world's most brilliant court—I saw her brother, R. I. Ingersoll. (Hon. Ralph Isaacs Ingersoll, grandson of Ralph Isaacs, Jr., and great-grandson of Ralph Isaacs, Sr., of Norwalk.) He was now the American Ambassador to Russia, and on his way thither. We met as if we were old friends. At length I recollected his sister Grace, and asked if her children were living. He replied in the affirmative, and that he was on the point of paying them a visit. I saw him a month afterward and he told me that he had just returned from the south of France, where he had enjoyed a most interesting stay of a fortnight with his nieces."

Of these nieces one, the older sister was a physician's wife and the other was a religious recluse. The latter, however, obtained permission of her Superior to visit with her sister during her uncle, Hon. Ralph Isaacs Ingersoll's two weeks' stay with them. In reference to this visit and to his younger niece Mr. Ingersoll wrote thus to Mr. Goodrich:

"One day, after we had been talking as usual of America and her American relations, she excused herself to me for a short time, that she might go to her room and write a letter to the convent. She was

gone from me much longer than I had expected, and on her return I said to her:

'You must have been writing a long letter, if I may judge from the time you have been about it.'

'Yes,' was her reply, 'but I have not been writing all the while; I have been praying.'

'Indeed! Do you pray often?'

'Yes—and even more often here than when I am at the convent.'

'Why so?'

'I fear dear uncle, that my affection for you will attract me too much to earth.'"

It was a sorry 1779 Saturday evening hour when William and Mary Esther St. John were compelled to vacate the Norwalk house in which Grace Ingersoll's grandparent was born and from which her namesake "handsome and accomplished" great aunt (Grace Isaacs) went out to be devotedly admired by (see page 218) Colonel (Gist) to which gallant suitor she gave final dismissal in her historic Westchester Co. home not perhaps an hour before General Knipphausen's command surrounded her house and startled its occupant with the firing of musketry. It is said that Mrs. St. John took, in her declining days, great comfort in sitting at the south room window of her new home (the old St. John house which stood on the north corner of the intersection, to-day, of Morgan and East Avenues) and looking over the adjoining ancient premises. These premises were afterward occupied by Mrs. St. John's own blood, the Sherry's and Skiddy's of a later date.

<sup>1</sup>Geo. A. Lally married, second, Harriet, daughter of Capt. Richard and Mary (Bontecou) Hanford, of Lansingburgh, N. Y., and sister of Levi C. Hanford, of Norwalk, and had George, Fanny (died young) and Frederick. Mr. Geo. A. Lally had, by his first marriage, a son James, who died in 1778.





Louisa Cecilia, born June 19, 1840. Frederick W., born Nov. 23, 1854.  
(Mrs. George B. Day.)

Fanny B., born March 6, 1860.

Louisa C., daughter of James A. and Elizabeth Hoyt, married October 19, 1865, George B. Day, and had Frederick H., born Aug. 24, 1866.

Buckingham, son of James A. and Elizabeth Hoyt, married Eva Beauchamp, of Syracuse, N. Y.

Frederick W., son of James A. and Elizabeth Hoyt, married Nov. 1, 1893, Sarah L., daughter of Judge Asa B. and Sarah (Hanford) Woodward (see page 149).

BUCKINGHAM ST. JOHN LOCKWOOD.

Buckingham St. John, second son of Peter and Abigail Lockwood, married Feb. 17, 1805, Polly Esther, born March 10, 1783, daughter of William and Esther (Belden) St. John, and niece of Col. Stephen St. John,<sup>1</sup> and had :

Julia Abigail,<sup>2</sup> born Jan. 18, 1809, (unmarried).

<sup>1</sup>The daughters of Col. Stephen St. John had for a father the, so deemed, "handsomest man in Norwalk." These daughters, Sarah (Mrs. Dr. John Cannon), Susanna (Mrs. Isaac Scudder Isaacs) and Nancy (Mrs. Matthew Marvin, of Wilton), were widely known ladies. Their Fitch grandfather, Samuel, was a brother of Gov. Thomas Fitch, and their Aunt Elizabeth (their mother's sister) was Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers, so that they were own cousins to Moses Fitch, Nehemiah and Henry Rogers, and their second cousins (see home-lots xi and xii, pages 161-220) were metropolitans of high social, professional and business positions. The descendants of Sarah Cannon, Susanna Isaacs and Nancy Marvin are many and their history would fill many pages. Dr. John and Sarah Cannon's family were:

John, born May 16, 1778.

Sarah, born Oct. 22, 1780.

George, born May 7, 1784 (see page 189).

Harriet, born Oct. 31, 1786.

Antionette, born April 20, 1789 (see page 189).

Charles Ogilvie, born Oct. 13, 1791.

Esther Mary, born Dec. 1793.

James LeGrand, born Oct. 12, 1796.

<sup>2</sup>Julia Abigail, oldest child of Buckingham St. John and Polly Esther (St. John) Lockwood, was one of Norwalk's life-long loyal daughters. An unmistakable "style" and an unmistakable solid sense were, as was the case with her sterling cousin, Sarah Louisa St. John (Mrs. Francis Skiddy), her characteristics. Mrs. Skiddy, albeit a resident of the metropolis, never interest-forgot her native town, and Miss Lockwood, down to the close of a protracted life-day was possessed of the same true feeling. With pains-tak-

ing care she prepared at least five full copies of the family lineage and was ever ready and happy to furnish such information as to the town's people as lay in her power. Her reminiscences were valuable, and her regard for old associations was exceptional. Here (in her sitting room) she would remark, Samuel Cannon (father of LeGrand of Troy) died in his chair in that corner, and there "Mother Cannon" (Esther Perry) passed away. Out in the street in front—and she could point to the spot—Esaías Bouton, seated upon the saddle, would lift his hat and cavalierically salute the family as he galloped by the house. Yonder, in the distance, she told where the steamer stopped which brought, in 1834, Nathan Warren of Troy to take a last look at his birthplace, and how the steamer waited at "Old Well" to allow time for LeGrand Cannon and Capt. Richard Hall Fitch (the first Mr. Warren's brother-in-law, and the second his sailing-master) to drive to the Lockwood house. Her Norwalk spirit and sympathies were praiseful and her unapocryphal provincial and personal recitations remarkable. She was the delight of her blood and was highly respected by the world outside of her kin. Although the senior of her two sisters, Mary Esther and Elizabeth, yet did she for several years survive them, and took great comfort in their admirable memories.

Miss Julia Abigail Lockwood's cousin (Charlotte Selleck Lockwood), daughter of her Uncle William and Aunt Hannah S. Lockwood, married June 9, 1825, Leonard Bradley, of New Haven, and had Elizabeth Cebra, Susan Lockwood, Leonard Abraham, Mary Louise and William Lockwood. The Bradleys have not resided in Norwalk.



Elizabeth, born July 28, 1803. (Mrs. Henry Morgan; no children.)

Mary Esther, born Sept. 25, 1815. (Mrs. John P. Treadwell).

William Buckingham Eliphalet,<sup>1st.</sup> born Dec. 20, 1820, (died in infancy).

William Buckingham Eliphalet,<sup>2d.</sup> born Dec. 23, 1822.

Frederick St. John, born Aug. 23, 1825.

Mary Esther, daughter of Col. Buckingham St. John and Polly Esther Lockwood, married, Dec. 8, 1841, John Prime, born Oct. 6, 1811, son of Samuel and Jane (Prime) Treadwell, of New Milford, and had :

Mary Elizabeth, born July 19, 1843, (unmarried).

Julia Abigail,<sup>1st.</sup> born Dec. 6, 1845; died Aug. 7, 1849.

Buckingham Lockwood, born Feb. 10, 1850; died March 5, 1851.

Julia Abigail Lockwood, born May 14, 1852; died Nov. 8, 1884.

(Mrs. Mortimer M. McRoberts.)

John Prime, Jr., born Aug. 17, 1854.

Mrs. John P. Treadwell, Sr., died May 11, 1880, and her son, John Prime Treadwell, Jr., married Oct. 12, 1880, Millicent Clarissa,<sup>1</sup> daughter of Charles Herd and Celestia Millicent (Cross) Booth, and had :

John Prime, born Aug. 16, 1881.

Henry Resseguie, born Dec. 3, 1884.

William Buckingham Eliphalet,<sup>2d.</sup> son of Col. Buckingham St. John<sup>2</sup> and Polly Esther Lockwood, married June 12, 1856, Mary C., daughter of DeForest and Catherine (Booth) Manice, and had :

Manice DeForest, born Feb. 26, 1858.

Buckingham Lockwood, born Sept. 19, 1859; unmarried.

William Buckingham Eliphalet, Jr., born Nov. 16, 1862; unmarried.

Manice DeForest, son of William B. E. and Catherine Lockwood, married Nov. 24, 1880, Annie, daughter of John S. and Sarah J. (Pentz) Lawrence, of New York, and had :

Mary Catherine Lockwood, born Sept. 21, 1881; died Nov. 16, 1881.

Manice DeForest, Jr., born May 15, 1886.

George Lawrence, born Nov. 27, 1889.

<sup>1</sup>Mrs. John P. Treadwell, Jr., by a previous marriage, had a son Charles.

<sup>2</sup>The three brothers, Wm., Eliphalet and Buckingham St. John Lockwood, lived in near proximity to each other at the head of "Federal Hollow." William resided in the present home of his granddaughter Mrs. Geo. B. St. John, S. W. corner of Knight Street and North Avenue. Eliphalet's home was the

residence of his nephew, the late Wm. B. E. Lockwood, and Buckingham St. John Lockwood lived where now resides his grandson, John P. Treadwell. Buckingham St. John Lockwood bought, in about 1824, the Samuel Cannon house at the summit of Mill Hill and thence removed. He was a business man who, even until later life, well managed his large estate, and he was of vision-breadth. "I think," he



Frederick St. John, son of Col. Buckingham-St. John and Polly Esther Lockwood, married, Feb. 21, 1866, Carrie Ayres, born Feb. 1, 1844, daughter of Frederick Seymour and Nancy (Raymond) Ayres, (see page 89) and has :

Elizabeth, born July 30, 1868, (Mrs. Frank W. Hubbard.)

Frederick Ayres, born Nov. 18, 1870; unmarried.

Julia Belden, born June 30, 1881.

Elizabeth, daughter of Col. Frederick St. John and Carrie Lockwood, married June 7, 1893, Frank Watson Hubbard, of Port Austin, Michigan, and had :

Carolyn Lockwood, born Sept. 13, 1894.

Annabel Ruth, born Jan. 30, 1898.

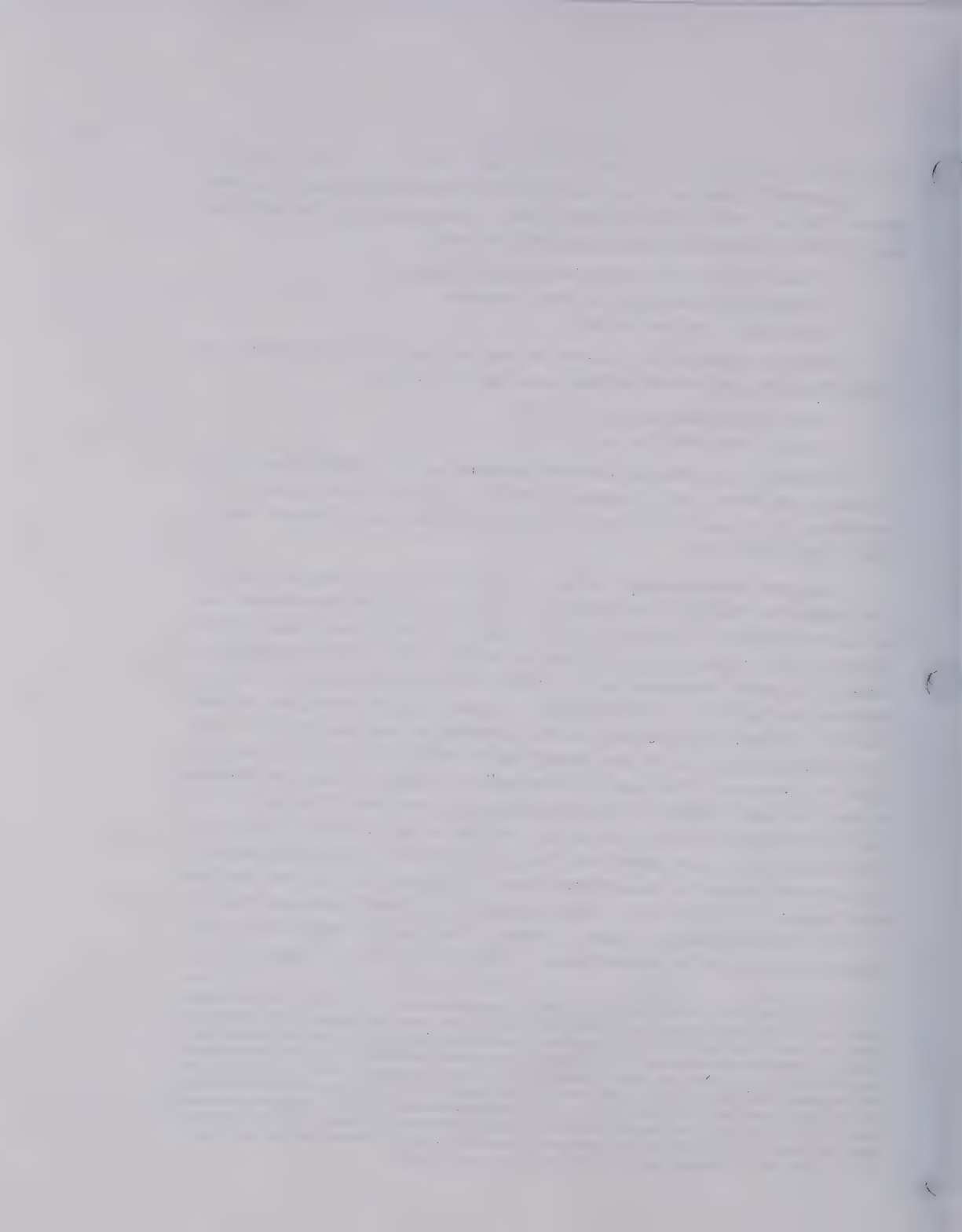
Lambert,<sup>2d</sup> son of Peter and Elizabeth (Lambert) Lockwood, married Dec. 5, 1793, Elizabeth, born March 1, 1771, daughter of Rev. Dr. Azel and Rebecca (Foote) Roe, of Woodbridge, N. J., and had Rebecca Roe, Frederick, Peter, Roe, Elizabeth; none of whom belong in Norwalk.

Lockwood DeForest resided in the near vicinity of what was afterward known as "IRANISTAN," the Bridgeport home of Hon. P. T. Barnum. His fine premises and those of Lambert Lockwood, in the same town (State Street of 1896, a short distance west of the Court House in that thoroughfare) were fair abiding places. Thrifty Bridgeport has outgrown its maiden environments, but the Lambert Lockwood house stands to-day a reminder to the family kin of its former prestige. Norwalk was the native place of young Lambert Lockwood, and the lad here passed a clerkship (see note page 20). The Lockwood-Lambert-DeForest blood came through David DeForest,<sup>2d</sup> who was the first Norwalk son of his name. The Lamberts to-day tell of the DeForest kinship, and the visits of Benj. DeForest's daughters to this town are present memories. The family of Col. Buckingham St. John Lockwood was intimate with that of Benj. DeForest. As the older generations, however, have passed away, the pilgrimages hither of the later Norwalk descendants have become less frequent than formerly. The time has been when the Warrens, Cannons, Knox's and Crafts came so regularly to the family hearthstone that their arrival was looked upon as a matter of course. The younger family branches have gradually lost track of the ancient haunts. "Pympewaugh Plain," "Roton Hill" and

said, when the trees south of the present First Congregational Church were set out, long before that edifice was built, "that the same should be planted somewhat inside of the contemplated line." Perhaps he argued that the street might some day be widened. The irregular topography of earlier times was, in certain cases, misleading. So undulating was the original West Avenue site of St. Mary's Church that when the foundation for the corner-stone of the building was being laid its elevation was a surprise and

suggested a possible miscalculation. One of the Rev. Peter Smith's flock was observed to be, from time to time, observation-engaged from the Chapel Street rear of the Church site. Finally he approached his pastor with the remark, "Father Smith I think that the corner-stone is a *little too low*." Whether any change in the plan was made is not known, but as the ground depression, by filling in and filling up, was overcome, it became evident that the stone was set not an inch too high.





even old "Witch Lane" would be oddly sounding names in their ears, and they would be strangers in the land of their fathers' graves. May the day be distant when the mother town shall be tardy in extending a cordial welcome to every son and daughter of the soil, regardless of the generation.

#### A PETER LOCKWOOD MONUMENT.

The present Wall Street Lockwood building, of which structure Lockwood's Hall forms a portion, marks one of the most notable business sites of earlier Norwalk. When Henry Whitney, Sr., established the "Whitney Mill" (N. W. corner of Main and Wall Streets 1896) the land gradually sloped from the foot of the present High Street to the "coast," as old deeds describe the same, and for a long time that section of the settlement now comprising East Wall Street and the site of the Phoenix Block, Lockwood's Hall, Mallory and E. K. Lockwood buildings, was "common land," across which, from east to west, coursed, at first, the path to Whitney's mill, and later the "post road." Fronting the present Lockwood Hall, and standing on the rise of ground into which the rear walls of the present Street Railway depot are built, stood, until the Revolution, Norwalk's first recorded "Town House," and not far away "Arnold's Inn," which held the valuable natural history collection referred to in note on page 20. Peter Lockwood owned where is now erected what is known as the Lockwood building and the Lockwood dock. This was the wharf at which vessels to and from the West Indies received and discharged their valuable cargoes. A heavy trade was here carried on by, among others, Peter Lockwood's son Eliphalet, and the Norwalk house of "E. Lockwood & Son" (Buckingham St. John Lockwood) became well known. The spot is, naturally, of Lockwood association and its mention makes not ill-placed, perhaps, the insertion, just here, and as a sort of Peter Lockwood memory-testimony, of the succeeding memoranda :

#### EARLIER AND LATER NORWALK COMMERCE.

Capt. Richard Raymond, of Saybrook, heads the roll of Norwalk navigators. He ran a coasting vessel (transiently) in and out of Norwalk harbor in the seventeenth century, his "pier" being, in all probability, near Fort Point. Old wharf remains have there been discovered.

Capt. Josiah Thatcher, of Yarmouth, Mass., succeeded Capt. Raymond. Both these captains were Eastern men, and evidently experienced sailors. The first appeared in Norwalk early in the eighteenth century. His hill-home (rear of present Street Railway depot, Wall and Knight Streets,) commanded, at that day, the Norwalk river, or more properly creek, and he was a prominent progenitor.

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<sup>1</sup>In a publication of late years (Warren's "Recollections of War Times") reference is made to the Norwalk "Witch lane" of days gone, and "Toney"

is mentioned and one of his deeds picture-illustrated. This "Toney" was none other than "O'ne" (Miss Phæbe Comstock's "Onesimus"). See page 260.



Capt. James Hurlbut, a ship builder of Saugatuck, is anciently mentioned and in about 1750, Commodore John Cannon also. The keels of Commodore<sup>1</sup> John Cannon's sailing vessels ploughed the West India waters. Nathan Mallory was a Norwalk captain in 1757, and owned the future James Mallory store at the head of navigation. He was in the service between 1740 and 1800. Captain David Whitney was a Norwalk mariner in about 1775. He did good service in the Revolutionary War.

In about 1770 the *Polly* made regular trips to and from the Southern Islands, and Capt. Squire piloted his bark hither from the Barbadoes. On one trip, in the spring of 1773, thirteen horses and eleven oxen were transported from Norwalk to the West Indies, the horses realizing for their owners about one hundred and fifty dollars each, and the oxen about one hundred and fifty dollars per pair. Gov. Roberts of Anguilla laid in, in the summer of 1773, Norwalk pork, hams and beans; and John Fane, of the same place, Norwalk corn and oats, and "Widow Hews" ten thousand shingles. Hams, horses, hoops, staves, flour, butter and earthenware were exported to the West Indies, and sugar, molasses and liquors from thence imported. A little before the battle of Lexington was fought the *Polly*, on one of its trips, had hither brought, as a part of its cargo, nearly two thousand gallons of molasses and between three and four thousand pounds of sugar.

"Commodore" was the familiar title by which Norwalk's John Cannon<sup>1st</sup>, was locally known. He was the son of John and Jerusha (Sands) Cannon, of New York. It is late, perchance, to inquire as to what first here attracted him. It is a tradition that the young man stopped, on his way to Boston, in Fairfield (see note page 181) and there made the acquaintance of Esther Perry, whom he afterward married. This may be fiction, but if true, the residence at that time, in Norwalk, of Esther Perry's uncle and aunt (Samuel Cluckstone and his Perry wife, see page 13) may have drawn the nephew and niece hither who established their home-hearth in the meadow now the spacious private approach-green to the East Avenue residence of Col. Frederick St. John Lockwood. Mr. Cannon seems to have had a palate for choice fruit. The East Avenue orchard-remains of fifty years ago (the original planting, probably, of John Cannon<sup>1st</sup>.) evidenced, even in age, superb stock. The fruits' pulp and flavor-purity and fineness indicated the species-superiority. Here John and Esther Cannon lived until the burning of their dwelling by Tryon, when the cinders of their consuming fire-side arose together with those of the near-by (Wm. G. Thomas home-lot of 1896) second Meeting House. After the conflagration the family possibly occupied premises somewhere near the Quintard building of 1896. Here stood the "Cannon well" and on the opposite (south) side of the street was built the "Cannon store." A portion of this latter structure, the widow of Mr. Cannon was known to tenant some years after the

Revolutionary War. It was here that she was under the care of Miss Azubia Hitchcock. (See page 13.)

The brothers and sisters of John Cannon<sup>1st</sup>, were James, baptized Feb. 14, 1728; Andrew, baptized Jan. 23, 1730; LeGrand, born April 19, 1733, and baptized when ten days old; Sarah, baptized July 27, 1735, and Maria, January 28, 1739. This younger sister Maria, "the lovely Miss Cannon," became, May 27, 1757, the wife of John Pintard, son of Alderman Pintard, of New York. One son, named for his father, rewarded the union. Soon after the birth of this son the mother was called hence, to be followed, ere many months rolled away, by the boy's father. The parentless lad now found a home for awhile with his Norwalk Cannon kin. War was raging and the days were sad, but through the interposition of army official influence the young Pintard secured a good position. He was accomplished and like Colonel Stephen St. John, who was twenty years his senior, he was elegant. In 1785 he was married to Eliza, daughter of Col. Brasher, both of the contracting parties at the nuptials being celebrated beauties.

The sons of "Commodore" John Cannon were John (grandfather of Charles O. C. and Frederick T. Betts of 1896); Samuel (grandfather of Colonel LeGrand B. Cannon, of New York); James (grandfather of the late Mrs. Jonathan Camp, of Cannon Street); LeGrand, a brilliant youth; Lewis, who died unmarried, and William Aspinwall, who married Betsey, daughter of John Seymour, of Norwalk. The daughters were Sarah and Esther Mary. The





Later than 1770, Esaias Bouton owned a vessel that plied between Norwalk and Boston, and Isaac Wicks, of this town, was commissioned to cruise on the Sound. A ferry to L. I. was anon established by the Raymonds, and afterward ran by Ebenezer Phillips. At the close of the eighteenth century Capt. Joseph Warren<sup>1</sup> and his son Capt. Samuel B. Warren,<sup>2</sup> and others of the Warren family, and later still, Capt. Isaac Scudder Isaacs and Capt. Daniel James followed the marine profession.

The Warrens alluded to employed at least two sailing vessels in the Norwalk and New York transportation service, viz., the *Griffin* and the *Republican*, which made regular

children were all, it is probable, born on the East Avenue green hill-side, now the property of Col. F. St. John Lockwood. From thence, John, the oldest son, founded a home which his grandson, Charles O. C. Betts has somewhat improved but about which much of Cannon designing is still left. The Cannon super-mantel painting (New York Battery) in the south parlor, is unique. At the raising of the frame of this building Richard, father of the late Miss Eliza Camp, of France Street, was injured. Samuel, the second son of John Cannon,<sup>1st</sup> built the 1896 handsome Lockwood house which crowns Mill Hill. Mr. Lockwood (Colonel Buckingham St. John) bought it from the Cannons some seventy-odd years ago, and although its more recent mansard roof and south veranda have given it a modern look, still with its surviving eastern "wing" and "outside kitchen" it is a pleasing picture of the past.

The two remaining Lockwood (Wm. B. E. and Col. Buckingham St. John) "outside kitchens" were not ephemeral wood-sheds, but, on the contrary, of constant service-purpose. They, especially the latter, remind of the period when colored domestics played an important part in household economics. Col. Lockwood's family servants and farm help constituted quite a force and made such exterior accommodation quite a necessity. Mrs. Lockwood was very clever in her direction of this service-retinue, but as the good wife on one occasion broached to her husband, who had just reported to her of an additional property-purchase he had made, it was possible for increase of crops to involve increase of cares, and the multiplication of acres the multiplication of anxieties. The Mill Hill Cannon-Lockwood establishment has long been one of Norwalk's noticeable old family mansions, and its glory has not departed with the lapse of time. It is now, in 1896, of splendid preservation, and under the proprietorship of the colonel's last surviving daughter, Miss Julia Abigail, is the trustee of family portraits, furniture, embroideries and treasures which a refined and happy taste have so arranged as to make the home an interesting visiting-spot. The ladies of the house, the colonel's daughters, enlivened, in their younger days, the home, and were a prized society-contribution. In their time lady

equestrianism was not a slighted art, and when such Norwalk daughters as Elizabeth Lockwood, Eliza Mott, Ann Terrell Isaacs, or the Misses Meade rode out, in saddle, it was with no difficulty realized that "Queen Elizabeth on horseback" was none the less than "Queen Elizabeth herself."

James Cannon, brother of John and Samuel, erected the Cannon Street commodious home, in the southwest front room of which his grand-daughter, Mary C. Newkirk, wedded the late Jonathan Camp, Jr., and beneath the venerable roof of which the extendedly known husband and his honored wife passed many years of enjoyment.

William Aspinwall, the youngest married son of "Commodore" and Esther Cannon, lived near the foot of Flax Hill, in the South Norwalk of 1896.

In his will dated Jan. 28, 1748, and inventoried Sept. 18, 1749, Edmund Warren, Sr., makes mention of his grandsons Joseph,<sup>1st</sup> Edmund and Enoch, sons of Edmund, Jr. A preserved receipt, dated April 15, 1791, evidences the sons' care of their mother. Said Joseph<sup>1st</sup> married Nov. 12, 1754, Elizabeth Byxbee, and had Joseph,<sup>2d</sup> born June 19, 1755; James, born Aug. 2, 1757; Jesse, born May 12, 1759.

Joseph<sup>2d</sup> married Oct. 17, 1776, Anna Bates, and had Samuel B., born Apr. 28, 1777; Betty, born July 3, 1778; Jane, born Sept. 2, 1779. This branch of the Warren family is noted from the fact that its members were Norwalk navigators during the post-Revolutionary period and that they claimed near relationship to Maj. Gen. Joseph Warren of Bunker Hill connection. Some of the descendants exhibit, to-day, an old leather wallet and a sword, upon the blade of which is inscribed *Joseph Warren*, articles that (so they claim) were in the possession of a member of the General's household who, whilst journeying from Boston to Norwalk, was compelled to stop, through sickness, in some Rhode Island port, from whence they were forwarded to this town. The descendants of Joseph Warren,<sup>1st</sup> son of Edmund,<sup>2d</sup> of Norwalk, accept, as have their fathers before them, and stoutly profess to believe this. Joseph Warren and his immediate successors were seamen. They were employed in the coasting trade.

<sup>2</sup>Samuel B. Warren, familiarly called "Squire"



trips between the two places named, their city berth being adjacent to Catharine, James and Peck Slips and the annual "corporation wharfage" at each berth averaging about ten dollars for each vessel. The receipts for pierage, still preserved, are in olden form, being signed, from 1795 to 1803, by John Bingham, Charles Smith and Moses and Daniel Coe.

Some few years subsequently, 1812-15, Long Island Sound commerce was almost annihilated by the British Commodore Hardy and the "Liverpool packet." Sad work was made with Connecticut schooners and sloops. Our North shore sailors, however, notably Capt. Dan'l. Merritt (ancestor of the 1896 Norwalk Merritts), sometimes eluded the enemy and made their way through the East River into the city. From 1815 to the beginning of local steam navigation, in 1824, there were several Norwalk coasting proprietors. Uriah Selleck,<sup>1</sup> one of whose vessels (see page 51) was lost in the memorable autumn gale of 1821, was one of these. Eben. D. Hoyt was a shipmaster at that time. In the summer

Warren, son of Joseph, was well known in this community. He married Lydia, daughter of Hezekiah Raymond, and a sister of Mrs. Capt. Daniel K. Nash. Their residence was on Flax Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Warren were blessed with nine children, the oldest son being the heroic Dr. Hezekiah B. Warren. This physician of character "too valuable to die so young" (see page 111) was a grandson of Hezekiah Raymond, whose wife Lydia, was a daughter of Rev. James and Mary Lockwood, said Mrs. Mary Lockwood having been a daughter of Rev. Moses Dickinson, third pastor of the First Congregational Church, Norwalk.

The Warren incumbency of the Norwalk sail vessel route was at a time of interesting metropolitan history. John Jacob Astor had just established himself in Water Street and made the second of his nearly three hundred property purchases. Alexander Hamilton had recently become the proprietor of the twenty-acre "Grange," a splendid tract in the upper part of the island. Aaron Burr, who in 1804 mortally wounded Hamilton, had bought his handsome Richmond Hill, now Varick Street. The Rosevelts' lucrative plate glass plant had been established and their elegant home (Broadway and Fourteenth Street) opened; and High Constable Hayes, who dared to name his son after Aaron Burr, which son held for a half-century the office of cashier of the North River Bank, was then an influential citizen.

<sup>1</sup>Uriah Selleck's dwelling was on the N. W. corner of the present Main Street and Union Avenue. His store and dock were (see note page 51) near the Leonard coal wharf of to-day and opposite the Joseph Keeler, afterward Anson Quintard, home. Joseph Keeler was a son of Capt. Samuel Keeler, whose "home-lot land" was the southern boundary of Ralph Isaacs' 1750 purchase, covered in 1894 by the Norwalk Opera House, Post-Office, Railway station, Masonic building, Club house, Isaacs Street and Hanford's Floral Hall. Mrs. Joseph Keeler was Hannah, daugh-

ter of Isaac Hoyt, of South Norwalk, and a sister of Charles Hoyt, formerly of North Avenue. At the decease, in 1822, of Uriah Selleck, his dock and store property fell to the widow of his son Zalmon, Mrs. Eliza Selleck, mother of Mrs. Wm. K. James, whose husband afterward bought the property. The next store above Uriah Selleck's was that of Joseph Keeler, the premises to the extreme north of whom on Harbour Avenue, now Water Street, was owned by Ebenezer D. Hoyt.

Uriah Selleck's grand-daughter, Maria Philips Selleck, the now venerable (Mrs. William K. James) has, from childhood, been the intimate friend of the Peter Lockwood descendants through his grandson Buckingham St. John Lockwood. The daughters of the latter, Elizabeth, Mary Esther and Julia Abigail, and also such well recalled Norwalk daughters as Elizabeth, Ann and Sophia Isaacs, and Mary Esther, Susan Virginia, Sarah Louisa and Julia Belden St. John, and Margaret and Amelia Belden, and Mary and Harriet Hoyt, and Mary and Margaret Newkirk, and Elizabeth Jarvis, Harriet Betts, Augusta Gregory, Elizabeth St. John and Charlotte Camp were acquaintances and companions in days ago. Mrs. James is of the same Hon. Richard Law blood as are the descendants, Lockwoods and others, of Captain Joseph St. John.<sup>2d</sup> Her father Zalmon, born March 31, 1795, was son of Uriah, baptized Oct. 31, 1762-3, who was son of Nathaniel, born Oct. 29, 1725, who was son of David, born Dec. 23, 1700, who was son of Nathaniel, born April 7, 1678, who was son of John and Sarah (Law) Selleck. John Selleck married Sarah, daughter of Hon. Richard Law, October 25, 1669. He was born in Boston, Feb. 21, 1643, and baptized two days afterward. Mrs. James has been a benefactor of St. Paul's Parish, Norwalk, and has generously erected the Ludlow monument in the East Norwalk of 1896 to the memory of Roger Ludlow, the founder of Norwalk.



of 1814 he built on Uriah Selleck's dock the sloop *Teaser*. Afterward the firm name was "E. D. Hoyt & Son" (Edwin), the line consisting of the *Union*, Captain Jedediah Brown; the *Mechanic*, Captains Samuel Daskam and Alden Brothwell; the *Citizen*, Captains Samuel Pennoyer and Sherman T. Morehouse, and *Sabina*, (Capt. Francis Hoyt was an officer in this line) made tri-weekly trips, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, to New York.

Noah Selleck having bought out the Hoyts, sailed from the Hoyt dock close to the "bridge." His line embraced the sloops, *Mary Ann Selleck*, *Domestic* and *Surplus* as an extra. Captains Joseph Byxbee, Isaac Demmon and Isaac Selleck commanded the boats. At this time Captain Willis J. Merritt built and ran the sloop *Mary Willis* upon the Norwalk route. Noah Selleck afterward associated with him his brother Isaac. The two were succeeded by the latter's son Capt. Isaac Selleck, Jr. Charles T. Leonard now became temporary proprietor, and finally Capt. Isaac Demmon controlled the line. This was the end (barring a sort of desultory occupancy of the route by the sloop *John I. Perry* belonging to A. J. Meeker & Brother) of Norwalk packet history, which end was tragic. The last vessel of the last regular line, the *Domestic*, was burned to the water's edge off Shippan Point, and her last commander, Capt. Isaac Demmon, died in the arms of Captain Isaac Selleck, Jr., on West Avenue, Norwalk.

The passage by sail to the metropolis, sometimes accomplished in twenty-four hours and often requiring a considerably longer time for its performance, was an event in gone days. At first the greater part of the "hull" was "berthed off" as the passenger list ran at times to over fifty, but as the Captains Selleck and Merritt era neared, more space was appropriated to freight. Market day was a busy one at the "bridge," and there was a stir when the "wagoners" arrived. James Wilkes drove from New Fairfield, Nathan Benedict from Ridgebury, John Knowles from New Milford, Benedict Dunning from Brookfield, Hull from Danbury, Myram Dikeman from Redding, Samuel Seymour from North Wilton, Russel Mead from Ridgefield, and Nathaniel Close from North Salem. The produce was stored below deck, excepting the crates of live fowl and barrels of vegetables and fruit which stood in the front of the "quarter deck." The cabin, divided into two parts by sliding doors, was appropriated to the captain and passengers. There were no "state rooms" but "curtained berths" (on the *Orion* "five lengths") lined both sides of both cabins. In a Hudson River cabin Alexander Hamilton, in 1787, penned the opening chapter of *The Federalist*, "undoubtedly the most profound treatise on government that has ever been written." No Norwalk sloop cabin, it is true, was ever thus distinguished, nevertheless it may well be believed that the time there spent by our merchant and professional men of the same era was not entirely misimproved. Our business men of more recent years, such as George Bishop, Charles Isaacs and Thomas Warner, patronized the route, the latter of whom when intending to make the trip was wont after bank hours to go to the dock and interrogate the captain as to "the prospect." If the reply came "fine weather and fair wind," the cashier was sure to be aboard at the hour of sailing, and almost as certain to





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Sloop and schooner passenger traffic gradually fell off when steam superseded the wind as a motive power. John Fitch's great-grandfather resided for a short time (1652) in Norwalk, but the great inventor himself launched the original steam-propelled vessel in the world on "Collect Pond," Smith's Valley, now Center Street, New York. Some thirty-six years after Fulton's CLERMONT, Henry Betts of Norwalk, assisted by two or three citizens of means, constructed a small engine, and planting it in a modest craft, prepared for the "trial." The start upon the maiden trip was made and "Oyster Shell Point" arrived at when the vessel was blown up, thus putting a period to Norwalk river steam navigation until the appearance in the harbor, in the spring of 1824, of the pioneer steamboat GEN. LAFAYETTE, which plied between Norwalk and New York until supplemented later in the season by the JOHN MASHALL, Capt. Pennoyer, afterward Capt. John Brooks, an enterprise for which Henry Belden, first president of the Fairfield County Bank, stood responsible. The MARSHALL made three trips each way every week, and lay, in Norwalk, at Uriah Selleck's dock (neighborhood of Charles T. Leonard's present coal yard), whatever shore "office" the boat had being in the same Selleck's country store on the dock. In the spring of 1829 the BALTIMORE was put upon the route by Cornelius Vanderbilt<sup>1</sup> as an "opposition boat." This gave place in 1830-1 to the CITIZEN, which succeeded in "running off" the JOHN MARSHALL. The Flushing Peck's now appeared upon the scene, who being associated with Charles Hoyt and having purchased the CITIZEN from Vanderbilt, ran the same while the FAIRFIELD was building by Lawrence & Smeeden near Eighth Street, New York. When the FAIRFIELD was completed and had proven a success the NIMROD<sup>2</sup> was started, and when finished, put in commission in about 1836. Previous to the latter's arrival the WESTCHESTER<sup>3</sup> ran for a brief period, in opposition. The NIMROD being ready, the two distinguished Sound commanders,

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John Brooks and Curtis Peck, confronted each other. The Pecks disposed of the CITIZEN to the Hoyts, who ran the same to Norwalk "bridge" as a steam packet, commanded by Captain Munson Hoyt. Not long after this it was sold for excursion and then towing purposes, and finally came to an end by a boiler explosion. The FAIRFIELD and NIMROD did a prosperous business, and stages from as far north as Danbury and east as Bridgeport, connected with them.

At this juncture of Norwalk steamboat success the NAPOLEON was put upon the route, and the climax of enthusiasm was reached. The boat was denominated "Peck's get-up" and the evening of its arrival at "Old Well" was a memorable one. At the close of the trip the captain appeared and made a five minutes' bright speech, ending with "be true to the NAPOLEON and she will be true to you." The multitude was then invited aboard and taken up to the "bridge;" the people still clung to the boat and were carried back to "Old Well" (where the vessel was to remain over night) and walked home again. A good business season followed.

Eventually Captains Peck and Brooks came to an agreement, that the boats, one week the FAIRFIELD and the next the NIMROD, should run through to Bridgeport. This arrangement continued until the building of the Housatonic Railroad, when Captain Brooks gave up the Norwalk route altogether, leaving everything in Peck's hands. The CROTON was now put on the line, then the CRICKET, CATALINE, CURTIS PECK and HERO. The ST. NICHOLAS, a tentative boat, from time to time ran in opposition, but the Peck's were masters of the position, and they so continued until the opening of the N. Y. and N. H. R. R. Lawrence M. Stevens, in 1849, put the NORWALK in service, and in 1852 Stephen Olmstead, Stiles Curtis and Edward C. Bissell adventured the PACIFIC, Capt. Joseph Byxbee (largely freight), which boat's passage through the "draw" at South Norwalk, on May 6, 1853, was followed by the terrible railway calamity of that date. The JOHN HART (CONFIDENCE), GEORGE LAW, AMERICUS, NELLY WHITE, JOHN ROMER, PEGASUS, CAPE CHARLES and the ADELPHI (CITY OF ALBANY) are the names of the Norwalk steam craft of modern times.<sup>1</sup>

the maiden boats of the thereafter famous "People's Line." This line was, it is possible, actually born in Norwalk. Alanson P. and Edward St. John, Philip Cannon and Gordon Coles were, largely, the inaugurators of the new enterprise.

The EMERALD and the FANNY, also the SUN and OLIVER WOLCOTT were names of boats which seem to have been at times in the Norwalk service.

<sup>1</sup>Wonderful changes have taken place along the East River since the earliest days of Norwalk steamboating. There was but little shipping at that time above Grand Street. The city hospital at the foot of Twenty-seventh Street was quite out of town and the old shot tower still further remote. The young Captains Brooks and Richard and Curtis Peck might, as they passed it, have told of the city purchase at

thirty dollars per acre of Blackwell's Island's one hundred acres, little dreaming that the bushy and somewhat larger Ward's Island, which they as often steamed by, would in 1892 be sold to the same city at between ten and twelve thousand dollars per acre. The dangerous rocks of "Heldt Gate" and the perturbed current beneath which the sunken *Huzzar* and its "rich chest" of treasures have since the Revolution had a grave were, at prodigious outlay, to be shattered and quieted by dynamite and electricity. Avenues bordered by pretentious villas were destined to course the craggy beach and rear-country above Hallett's Cove, and splendid private mansions to adorn that same wild spot, (now Astoria) purchased, in 1640, for a barrel of beef and a few trinkets. Riker's and "the Brother's" lonely islands were to be



## LOCKWOOD-DEFOREST SUPPLEMENT.

The DeForest blood, which is Norwalk Lockwood vein-communicated, proceeds from David DeForest<sup>2d.</sup> and his brother Samuel, <sup>1st.</sup> who were sons (see page 278) of David<sup>1st.</sup> and Martha (Blagge) DeForest, of Stratford. Lemuel, son of David DeForest, <sup>2d.</sup> had a daughter Abigail, who married, Nov. 9, 1774, James, son of Job and Rachel Lockwood, while Samuel DeForest<sup>1st.</sup> had a son Nehemiah, who married Dec. 20, 1769, Mary, daughter of Peter and Abigail Lockwood. Both David<sup>2d.</sup> and Samuel<sup>1st.</sup> DeForest had a brother Benjamin, <sup>1st.</sup> who married Esther Beardsley, of Stratford. Benjamin<sup>1st.</sup> and Esther DeForest had a son Benjamin, <sup>2d.</sup> born Dec. 28, 1749, who married Mehitable, daughter of Benjamin Curtis, of Stratford. Benj.<sup>2d.</sup> and Mehitable DeForest had a son David DeForest, who was the noted New Haven "DON DEFOREST" of some seventy or so years ago. "Don DeForest" lived handsomely on the New Haven Green. His Spanish name-prefix "Don," was a title. He was Consul-general, 1818 to 1822, from the Republic of La Plata to this country. In early life he had been a military man, but quitting the U. S. Army service he became a merchantman, and established himself at Buenos Ayres, where he remained until 1818. He then came back, as Consul, to this country, and resided, facing the College Green, finally in New Haven. He had one son Carlos, and several daughters.

Mrs. Nehemiah DeForest (daughter of Peter and Abigail Lockwood, of Norwalk,) died at the age of forty-five, and was buried at Monroe, Conn. Her son William, who was a youth of seventeen when he lost his Norwalk mother, married twice. He lived about where the present Main Street, Bridgeport, makes a turn towards Fairfield. The spot at that time was in the town of Fairfield, and the DeForest homestead was a portion of that ancient level-sweep of which the estate of John Burr (the founder of the Burr family) was a part. It is to-day a beautiful part of the Park City. Here William DeForest brought up his daughter Mary A., the future second wife of Deacon George St.

come valuable corporation sites and Hunt's Point, Throgg's Neck, Willett's Point, Cow Neck and Kidd's Rock summer homes and thronged summer haunts.

City Island still retains its pilot reputation, and its Hortons of Norwalk relationship if not pedigree, and some of them of Norwalk education, still live, but from the time of the primitive UNITED STATES to that of the palatial PURITAN and PILGRIM, these old East river guides have witnessed marvelous surprises. The UNITED STATES plied (1825) between New York and New Haven. So timid were some, at that early day of steam navigation, that one family having arrived in New York en route to leave a young member at school in New Haven sent beforehand a messenger to ascertain whether the Elm City boat had copper or iron boilers.

The full name of the barque *Polly*, referred to on page 303, a vessel which carried large quantities

of freight to and from the West Indies, seems to have been the *Polly and Esther*, and it is argued that the craft was named for Mrs. John Cannon<sup>1st.</sup> (Esther) and her aunt Mary (Polly) Perry. In the court action in relation to the estate of Captain Samuel Cluckstone—an uncle of Mrs. Cannon who evidently was attached to said niece—one fifth of the vessel (*Polly and Esther*) was court prized at £201 and 16s. Were it not for the ledger, still in good preservation, of Eliakim Raymond (grandfather of Mrs. Hon. Charles R. Sherman and great-grandfather of Maj. Gen. Sherman) the Norwalk-West India business transactions, per the ancient *Polly and Esther*, might possibly seem incredible. This book shows that on Oct. 4, 1776, an agent of the W. I. line received \$4200 to be laid out in West India goods, and twelve days thereafter \$5400, and one month (Nov. 4) thereafter \$1800 in addition.



John, of Norwalk, who was a correct, reliable citizen and a Norwalk methodical merchantman. The trustee of his father (Stephen Buckingham St. John) was wont to relate that he never settled an estate in which matters were found in better shape; that even in the house bureaus, cupboards and closets, everything was in order. The son's store was an exhibition of the same old time system. Deacon St. John's father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. DeForest, were of fine appearance, and were no strangers in Norwalk.

The 1896 DeForests of New Canaan and the Oblong are said to have descended, considerably so, from John and Ann DeForest of the same Stratford and Norwalk stock. The blood, under other than the DeForest name, is found in different sections of South-western Connecticut and its adjacent New York parts. The daughters by their Burlock, Comstock, Lockwood, Olmstead and Sterling marriages have widely scattered it.

#### LOCKWOOD-COLT DESCENT.

Ephraim and Mercie Lockwood, the foreparents of a long Lockwood line, peacefully dwelt on a summit (Earle's Hill of 1896) which commanded a land and water scape of quiet beauty. Their daughter Sarah, who was born in the autumn (Nov. 3) of 1670, left the paternal roof and became, at twenty-five years of age, (May, 1695,) the wife of John Platt, Jr. Mr. Platt was six years older than his Lockwood bride, and the happy father, on March 30, 1697, of his wife's namesake, Sarah, who at the age of eighteen, found a partner in a grandson of Henry Whitney, Sr., a man evidently of brain, brawn and breadth. Sarah Platt gave her hand in marriage to the young Nathan, son of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Whitney, which John, born shortly after Ludlow's purchase of Norwalk, was a son of Henry Whitney.<sup>1st</sup> Nathan and Sarah Whitney had a son, Eliasaph, born Feb. 3, 1716-17, who married at the age of twenty-seven into the Bishop' family of Stamford. Here was the Union of two ancient households, and a daughter, destined to become an ancestress of note, crowned the marriage. This daughter of Eliasaph and Mary (Bishop) Whitney was to quit the green Middlesex meadows and to marry, Dec. 13, 1778, (her second bridal) a well known Norwalk man of thirty-two, Hezekiah, son of Samuel and brother of Rt. Rev. Abraham Jarvis, second bishop of Connecticut. Hezekiah

<sup>1</sup>Rev. John Bishop, "one John Bishop," a Puritan divine of Boston, whom Lieut. Francis Bell and George Slauson, of Stamford, (see Huntington's History of Stamford) were sent on foot to Boston to converse and agree with, was in Taunton in 1630 and in Stamford in 1643-4. By his first wife, Rebecca; he had Stephen, Joseph, Ebenezer, Benjamin and daughter Whitinge (so will states), who died young, and Mary, who died "25, 5, 1658." Rev. Mr. Bishop married, second, Joanna Boyce, who had been the widow of Rev. Peter Prudden, of Milford, and after that of Capt. Thomas Willet, of Swanzy, Mass., and of the family of the first mayoralty of New York.

Stephen Bishop, son of Reverend John and Rebecca Bishop, had a son John (his oldest, see will of Stephen Bishop, probated July 23, 1723). This son John married about 1704, Mary Talmadge, and had ten children. John and Mary Bishop's ninth child Mary, married May 10, 1744, Eliasaph Whitney, the father of Mrs. Hezekiah Jarvis, of Norwalk, which venerable woman, the grandmother of Mrs. Elizabeth H. Colt, was great-great-granddaughter of Rev. John Bishop, whose great-great-grandson was Alfred, father of the Rev. E. Ferris and Hon. W. D. Bishop, of Bridgeport. A. Bishop and his son Hon. Wm. D., have been connected with the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.





Jarvis and his new (second) wife became the parents on the last day of the winter of 1796, of a son William (Rev.), who on Dec. 22, 1825, married Elizabeth Miller, born June 22, 1798, daughter of Richard W. and Elizabeth M. Hart. Rev. William and Elizabeth Jarvis were the parents of the present Mrs. Elizabeth H. Colt of the city of Hartford. Hezekiah Jarvis' first wife seems to have been a sister of the first husband of his second wife. There were five children by the earliest marriage, viz., Noah, Abraham, Elijah, Stephen and James, who were the only Hezekiah Jarvis children of Nash blood. The remaining son and daughters William, Sarah, Lavinia, Amelia and Mary were of Jarvis-Whitney blood.

The late Charles Edwin Whitney, of Darien, who was a grandson of Eliasaph Whitney, left a widow and children who still occupy the ancestral Whitney home site. These tell of the pleasing visits in gone days of the Norwalk cousins (Hezekiah Jarvis' children) to the Middlesex cradle. At the foreparent, Eliasaph's, one hundredth birth anniversary in Feb., 1817, the Norwalk grand-children, Sarah Jarvis, then aged thirty-four, and her younger sisters Lavinia, Amelia and Mary, formed a sleighing party and rode to the ancient hearthstone on the present Darien and New Canaan rural avenue, and there greeted their venerable sire. Their grandmother, who had died three years previous to this celebration, was wont in her devotion to her Church to ride, with horse under saddle, five lonely miles to St. John's, Stamford, or St. Paul's, Norwalk. In pew No. 29 of this last named Church sat her quiet-faced and quiet-minded, godly son-in-law Hezekiah Jarvis, with his well-demeanored household beside him. The picture of Hezekiah Jarvis, prayer-book in hand, leading his family on the Lord's Day to the sanctuary, recalls the custom of the English "Squire" of a former period carrying the same large sized volume in one hand, as, emerging from "the house" he early started on Sunday morning for the parish Church.

So devoted to the memory of her cousin Hannah (Mrs. Nathaniel Slauson) was the late Miss Sarah, oldest daughter of Hezekiah Jarvis, that she in later life made her way, in winter, to said cousin's distant funeral in 1851.

Mrs. Hezekiah Jarvis' father was present in the Middlesex sanctuary, a few furlongs south of his home, when, on Sunday afternoon, July 22, 1781, he was captured by the enemy and marched to the beach, near Five Mile River, and taken thence to Long Island. Some of his younger neighbors jumped out of the window and escaped, but he was taken prisoner. After reaching Long Island, however, he fortunately fell in with a friend through whose intervention he was permitted to return to his family. Mrs. Jarvis was buried at the age of eighty-two in St. Paul's Church yard, Norwalk, on Jan. 15, 1834.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>See portrait in vestry room of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk. : Fairfield probate records, Hall's Norwalk, Jarvis and Whitney family genealogies, and register of St. Paul's

<sup>2</sup>For verification of foregoing Jarvis, Lockwood, Platt and Whitney lineages see Norwalk land and : Parish, Norwalk, Conn. The Jarvis father came from Long Island to Norwalk.



OF JOSEPH LOCKWOOD<sup>1st</sup>. DESCENT.

Joseph, <sup>1st</sup>. son of Ephraim Lockwood, the settler, had, as has been previously noted, one of the ample and arable home properties of ancient times. It embraced the entire south front on the present Westport road from the Cameron corner (N. E. corner of Newtown Avenue and the Westport road) to the Fairfield County Children's Home, and the lot extended north quite towards the North Centre School house of to-day. The early Lockwoods made sage lands-choice, and some of the later members of the family have acted as wisely. The fine W. B. E. Lockwood North Avenue and France Street home, garden and meadow grounds is convincing proof of the statement. On the prominent Newtown Avenue site, now occupied by the old Cameron building, was, it is probable, born, Joseph, <sup>2d</sup>. son of Joseph<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Wood Lockwood. His Norwalk father and Stamford mother brought up the lad to diligence and until he became of age to choose a wife, whom he found in Huntington, Long Island. The young Joseph<sup>2d</sup>. was obliged to make a home for himself as his father's house fell to his (Joseph Lockwood<sup>2d</sup>.) brother Isaac, and from Isaac it went to Isaac's soldier son, Hezekiah (see note page 291). Joseph<sup>2d</sup>. consequently went to "Sticky Plain," since "Pudding Lane," now Main Street, and was the owner of a large slice of that level and well laying land, through a portion of which the Centre Avenue of 1896 has been cut. Joseph<sup>2d</sup>. and his Rogers wife had ten children, the oldest of whom Ebenezer,<sup>1</sup> married May 22, 1776, Mary, baptized Aug. 20, 1758, daughter of Lieutenant Nathan and Martha<sup>2</sup> (Couch) Godfrey, of Fairfield, and had twelve children, the oldest of whom, Benjamin, born Sept. 18, 1777, married Feb. 9, 1803, Elizabeth, daughter of Jarvis and Hannah (Meeker) Kellogg, and had five children, the youngest of whom, LeGrand, (see page 188 and note page 213) born Aug. 14, 1820, married Anna Louisa, born Aug. 17, 1823, daughter of Seth Williston and Fanny (Benedict) Benedict, which Seth W. Benedict, a lineal descendant of Thomas,<sup>1st</sup> founder and father of all the Benedicts of this town, was a Norwalk and New York City resident of intelligence, integrity and influence. He was at one time proprietor of the old and honored *Norwalk Gazette*, and his ancestral home, which it was his pleasure often to visit, and which his Lockwood son-in-law elected for the erection of his elegant country seat (see page 213) holds his name in esteem.

There were three other own brothers (Samuel, Abraham and Charles) of Rev. William Jarvis and his four sisters.

<sup>1</sup>Sarah, sister of Ebenezer Lockwood, married Ozias,<sup>1st</sup> (Capt.) born Jan. 29, 1737, son of Matthew and Elizabeth (Clark) Marvin. Mrs. Ozias Marvin<sup>1st</sup>. was a daughter of Geo. and Deborah (Gold) Clark. Deborah Gold was a daughter of Nathan Gold, of Fairfield. She married Ensign Geo., son of Geo.<sup>1st</sup>. and Mary Clark, of Millford, 1639. Matthew Marvin

was the son of Samuel, who was the son of Matthew,<sup>2d</sup>. who was the son of Matthew Marvin, the settler. Joseph Lockwood Marvin, born Dec. 31, 1772, was the son of Capt. Ozias and Sarah (Lockwood) Marvin. His son William, born Nov. 20, 1804, (see page 152) was the father of Josiah R. and William E. Marvin, of East Norwalk, 1896.

<sup>2</sup>This mother-in-law of Ebenezer Lockwood and grandmother of Legrand Lockwood, of Norwalk, died May 31, 1761, and her husband married, second, the





From "A Brief Book of Family Chronicles" issued by intimate friends in honor of the silver anniversary<sup>1</sup> of the Lockwood-Benedict nuptials, June 9, 1867, extract is here made:

"At the head of the column of days  
sacred in the family register  
stands the  
ninth of June, A.D., 1842,  
when

LeGrand Lockwood and Ann Louisa Benedict,

both of the City of New York, and aged, respectively, twenty-two and nineteen years, were, by Rev. George B. Cheever, solemnly joined in marriage.

"During the quarter of a century which followed eight children, of whom six were sons and two were daughters, were born to them, blessing and hallowing these nuptial ties.

"LeGrand, Jr., was born January 5, 1844.  
Williston Benedict, born March 19, 1846.  
Roswell Ebenezer, born August 31, 1847.  
Henry Benedict, born April 23, 1852.  
Arthur Augustus, born January 6, 1856.  
Anna Louise, born June 21, 1858.  
Florence Isabel, born February 23, 1860.  
Edwin Eugene, born October 23, 1862.  
  
Roswell Ebenezer, died May 6, 1849.  
Anna Louise, died November 12, 1858."

Mr. and Mrs. LeGrand Lockwood were of old Norwalk stock. They were generous almoners of this world's goods, were of noble natures and their Norwalk home, which both of them adorned, was of finished elegance.

LeGrand, Jr., son of LeGrand and Ann Louisa Lockwood, married May 10, 1865, Kate Havens, daughter of Rev. Samuel B. S. and Frances M. (Havens) Bissell, and had:

Fanny Havens, born Dec. 31, 1867.  
(Died Feb. 20, 1875.)  
Katherine Bissell, born July 5, 1872.  
Louise Benedict, born Oct. 31, 1873.  
Hilda LeGrand, born Oct. 29, 1881.

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widow Sarah Nash, whose daughter Sarah Nash, born Jan. 17, 1755, was the great-grandmother of Maj. Gen. Darius Nash Couch, of Norwalk, 1896.

<sup>1</sup>The Rev. Curtis Trowbridge Woodruff, an attached friend of the Lockwoods, was actively interested in this handsome celebration.



LeGrand Lockwood, Jr., died in New York City, April 1, 1887.

Williston Benedict, son of LeGrand and Ann Louisa Lockwood, married October, 1869, Janet Isabel, daughter of Jas. Wm. and Mary Day (Wells) Dominick,<sup>1</sup> and had :

Louise, born Aug. 15, 1870, (Mrs. Aldred Warren).

Bertha Day, born Feb. 18, 1872.

Isabel Dominick.

Henry Benedict, son of LeGrand<sup>1st</sup> and Ann Louisa Lockwood, married Aug. 17, 1885, Rosa Cooper, daughter of J. P. and Emily (Gray) McCay, of Baltimore, and had :

Violet, born Jan. 2, 1887.

Edwin Lockwood, uncle of LeGrand and son of Ebenezer and Mary (Godfrey) Lockwood, born Sept. 8, 1799, was a genial gentleman. He married, first, Oct. 22, 1829, Emily Ives, of New Haven, and had Emily Ives, born Oct. 12, 1830, who only passed eleven summers. Mr. Lockwood married, second, August 2, 1832, Emily, daughter of Henry and Eleanor (Burr) Olmstead, of Ridgefield, and had :

Elizabeth A., born April 29, 1833. Ebenezer, born Nov. 23, 1837.

(Died Feb. 27, 1838.)

(Died Jan. 26, 1857.)

Edwin F., born June 14, 1834.

Charles Edwin, born June 1, 1841.

(Died March 7, 1838.)

(Married Mary Amelia Smith.)

Eliza J., born Dec. 12, 1836.

Ellen E. born Aug. 5, 1846.

(Died June 17, 1838.)

(Died Nov. 28, 1847.)

Elvira, born March 17, 1849. (Died Feb. 19, 1858.)

The second Mrs. Edwin Lockwood's (Emily Olmstead) admirable nature and manners endeared her to a large circle of relatives and friends.

<sup>1</sup>The Dominicks were formerly Norwalk visitors, as were also branches of the Corning and Delavan families. The first were New Yorkers, the last two were of Albany association. Mr. Williston B. Lockwood here met his Dominick bride. Edward Corning, who spent a brief portion of his childhood in Norwalk, married a Dominick. Himself and a son of Geo. W. Betts (George) were brothers-in-law. The sons of Edward C. Delavan, John S. and William M., are fondly Norwalk-remembered. William M. died young and John S. (M.D.) in early life. Words inadequately portray the grand qualities of these royal-natured brothers. With their sister Mary (Mrs. Albion Ransom, deceased), one of the best of women, they were children, by his first marriage, of the eminent philanthropist, Edward C. Delavan. Delavan is a household Albany name and a lofty Albany memory. Edward C. Delavan spent his life and employed his large wealth for the benefit of his fellow men. He was a humanitarian not alone in profession but in practical performance. Standing, May 27, 1854, on the edge of Ballston Lake, which was bordered by his

extensive Saratoga County property and summer home, a startling shout arose from a company of school boys (a grandson of LeGrand Cannon was one of the number) there bathing, "Jimmie Perry is missing." In a moment the aged man was waist deep in water and a second afterward was diving beneath the surface. Rising to the level he held aloft the lad's stiffened form and, exhausted, left to another to complete the heroic deed and bear the rigid body to the lake-bank where, after almost herculean efforts, the youth was restored. Mr. Delavan had walked across his rolling acres to show a Norwalk party the romantic spot when the depicted scene occurred. He was one of God's noblemen. His second wife was Miss Harriet Schuyler, of Ballston, N. Y., by whom he had one daughter. His son-in-law, Albion Ransom, (Ransom & Co., Albany,) was the uncle of the wife of the Rev. Richard P. H. Vail, D. D., pastor, in 1896, of the Stamford Presbyterian Church. Rev. Dr. Vail, the Delavan boys, LeGrand C. Cramer and the rescued young Perry (son of Hon. Amos S. Perry, of Park Place, Troy, N. Y.,) were former school mates.



Charles Edwin, son of Edwin and Emily (Olmstead) Lockwood, married July 1, 1875, Mary Amelia, only daughter of George W. and Emily (Gregory) Smith. There are no children by this union.

LOCKWOOD-BOALT DESCENDANTS.

LOCKWOOD.

- Gen. I.—EPHRAIM AND MERCIE (ST. JOHN) LOCKWOOD.  
 “ II.—JOSEPH<sup>1st</sup> AND MARY (WOOD) LOCKWOOD.  
 “ III.—JOSEPH<sup>2d</sup> AND REBECCA (ROGERS) LOCKWOOD.  
 “ IV.—DAVID AND MARTHA (WIDOW TROWBRIDGE) LOCKWOOD.  
 “ V.—RUTH LOCKWOOD, born Jan. 9, 1780.

BOALT.

- Gen. I.—JOHN<sup>1st</sup> AND ELIZABETH (CLEMENCE) BOALT.  
 “ II.—RICHARD BOALT,<sup>3rd</sup> born April 30, 1696.  
 “ III.—DAVID, b. March 31, 1740, and SARAH (Mott or de la Mott) BOALT.  
 “ IV.—JOHN AND RUTH (LOCKWOOD) BOALT.

The generation-difference, numerical-wise, between the Lockwood and Boalt descendants is accounted for from the fact of the latter family's fifty years later Norwalk arrival than the family of the Lockwoods.

The progenitors of the Norwalk Bolt or Boalts' appear early in this land as occupants (see page 188) of that territory-portion which forms at the present time the border line, on Long Island Sound, of the States of Connecticut and New York. Here, near the ancient "Horseneck," we seem to find the ancestors of the Norwalk Boalts and Reeds who, having, it is claimed, belonged to the English Cromwell party, came afterward to this country and settled as before mentioned, where they were, presumably, agriculturists and built their vegetable vaults<sup>2</sup> similar to those, the remains of which were, until within a few years past, distinctly traced along the banks of the "Neck" referred to. The Reeds and Boalts, both, came to Norwalk and founded farms in the same section of the township. John Reed brought his Rhode Island and John Boalt his Stamford bride to this town, and the two families were not distant neighbors. Mrs. Boalt was the daughter of a

<sup>1</sup>Bolt or Boalt is a family patronymic of recognition across the sea, and "Bolt's End" and "Bolt's Court" are English Channel and London City designations. John Bolt or Boalt,<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk, was what might to-day be termed a topographical engineer. He married into a minister's family, and his brother-in-law, if Stamford registration is correctly interpreted, was a Colonial physician.

<sup>2</sup>These stone receptacles were, in the old Norwalk and Stamford steamboat days, a curiosity to the traveler whose eye caught them from the vessel's deck as

it turned in from the Sound to make a landing at "Sawpits" or "Horseneck." It was the custom on the boats, as these points were approached, to ring the steamer's bell (steam whistles were at that time unknown) as an announcement that a "stop" would shortly be made, and anon a porter's bell warning "passengers who are going ashore" to "get their baggage ready." The near-by green slope, dotted now and then by the "Rocky Neck" and "Horseneck" ancient potato vaults, furnished a fine echo-bank for the steamer's musical-toned monitor.





clergyman.<sup>1</sup> Herself and husband were married in Stamford on Nov. 20, 1694, and came presently, to their new home. The following is their descendant-table:<sup>2</sup>

Richard,<sup>3rd</sup>. born "in New York Island," April 30, 1696.

Arkellus, died Nov. 28, 1706.

Charles, born Aug. 30, 1702; died unmarried.

Sarah, born June 12, 1705, (Mrs. John Little).

(Married April 14, 1735.)

Abigail, born Nov. 7, 1707.

John,<sup>3</sup> born Oct. 7, 1710.

William, born Nov. 7, 1713.

Benjamin, born Sept. 26, 1718.

Richard,<sup>3d</sup>. oldest son of John<sup>1st</sup>. and Elizabeth (Clemence) Boalt, remained in Norwalk. He owned the to-day beautiful upper Haynes Ridge (see page 204) and sold the same in 1736 to Ebenezer Smith, a grandson-in-law of "Mr. William Haynes." The Boalt New Canaan acreage was admirable. A portion of the estate forms the present site of the Dr. Willard Parker, Sr., commanding vicinity. From this high land the view is fine, in every point of the compass, is exceptionally fine. The family of Richard<sup>3d</sup>. and Hepzibah Boalt was composed, as far as is positively known, of four sons and four daughters, viz.:

Richard, (never returned from sea). Hepzibah, born April 3, 1721.

Charles, died at sea.

Deborah,<sup>5</sup> (Mrs. David Camp).

Abraham, died abroad.<sup>4</sup>

Abigail.

David,<sup>1st</sup>. born March 31, 1740.

Catherine.

David,<sup>1st</sup>. son of Richard and Hepzibah Boalt, married Sarah (born Sept. 3, 1744) Mott or de la Mott, and had:

Elizabeth, born May 4, 1765, (Mrs. Samuel Betts).

David, Jr., born Dec. 25, 1766.

<sup>1</sup>Mrs. John Boalt,<sup>1st</sup>. of Norwalk, was named for her mother, Elizabeth, wife of Rev. William Clemence of Stamford. Mrs. Clemence survived her husband until March 17, 1727-8. Mr. Clemence was an instructor also.

<sup>2</sup>The lineages of John<sup>1st</sup>. and Richard<sup>3rd</sup>. Boalt are text-presented after very close and careful examinations of the ancient Stamford and Norwalk records, and a thorough perusal of private data. They are believed to be highly accurate.

<sup>3</sup>At the early age of twenty-six was one of the "Five Mile River petitioners." He then removed to Dover, N. Y., and does not seem to have permanently returned to Norwalk.

<sup>4</sup>He was engaged with Capt. Sears in the French War. The captain and his men took a vessel-prize,

but through some unfortunate affairs-turn Boalt and a number of his comrades were left upon an island and not afterwards heard from.

<sup>5</sup>Deborah, daughter of Richard Boalt,<sup>3d</sup>. married April 29, 1741, as his second wife, David, son of Samuel Camp, of Milford, and had Samuel, born Oct. 23, 1742; Hepzibah, 1744; Elizabeth, 1747; Mary, 1751; David, 1752; Moses, 1754, and James, 1757. David Camp had married, first, June 26, 1735, Sarah Terrill of Woodbury, who died March 31, 1737, leaving an infant, Sarah, born 1737. David Camp died March 18, 1782, aged 82 years.

A grand-daughter of Richard<sup>3d</sup>. and Hepzibah Boalt, (Mrs. Samuel Betts) who was living in 1841 mentioned that she had a step-grandmother, the second Mrs. Richard Boalt,<sup>3d</sup>.



Rhoda, born Feb. 1, 1769, (Mrs. Uriah Hanford).<sup>1</sup>  
 Jacob,<sup>1st</sup> born March 26, 1771, died June 9, 1772.  
 Jacob,<sup>2d</sup> born Feb. 7, 1773, went to Otsego Co., N. Y.  
 John, born Feb. 9, 1775.  
 Charles, born Jan. 3, 1777.  
 Ebenezer, born Aug. 4, 1780.

David, Jr., son of David<sup>1st</sup> and Sarah (Mott or de la Mott) Boalt, married March 17, 1790, Sarah Taylor,<sup>2</sup> of West Norwalk, and had :

Sarah, born Nov. 11, 1790, died young.  
 Frederick Anson, born Aug. 18, 1793, died young.  
 Rhua, born Aug. 22, 1797, (Mrs. William Daskam).<sup>3</sup>

Of the sons, other than Richard,<sup>3d</sup> of John Boalt,<sup>1st</sup> Charles<sup>1st</sup> may have died young, as he seems to have birth registration only. John<sup>2d</sup> went to the Oblong. William<sup>1st</sup> married Dec. 8, 1748, Lydia Fitch, and had : (David, John II & Lydia Bushnell)

Lydia, born Mar. 23, 1750, (Mrs. John Hoyt).  
 Elizabeth, born May 25, 1752, (Mrs. John Jarvis).  
 William,<sup>2d</sup> born March 24, 1755, (went to Ballston, N. Y.)  
 John, born Jan. 18, 1758, (died young).  
 Charles, born Nov. 26, 1761, (went to Cayuga Co., N. Y.).  
 Abigail, born May 11, 1765.  
 Samuel, born July 5, 1768.

Benjamin, the youngest son of John and Elizabeth Boalt, married Dec. 29, 1748, Hannah, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Whitney) Keeler.

LOCKWOOD-HICKOX-BOALT.

John, fourth born son of David and Sarah (Mott or de la Mott) Boalt, married Ruth, daughter of David and Martha (Hickox-Trowbridge) Lockwood, the descent from which Mrs. Ruth (Lockwood) Boalt constitutes one of the most interesting of Norwalk

<sup>1</sup>Her daughter Sarah, born Feb. 24, 1797, married Daniel Fitch Betts, of Norwalk. The other children of Uriah and Rhoda (Boalt) Hanford were George, born February 28, 1789; Amanda, July 3, 1790; John, April 16, 1792; Uriah, Jr., May 21, 1799; Theodore, March 2, 1807; Wm. LeGrand, Apr. 13, 1811. These were nephews and niece of Mrs. Ebenezer D. Hoyt, of Norwalk.

<sup>2</sup>Her sister was the mother of Rev. Melancthon Hoyt, missionary under Bishop Kemper. Mrs. Hoyt was a sister of Rev. B. M. Yarrington of Greenwich.

<sup>3</sup>The children of William and Rhua (Boalt) Daskam were George (married Sarah Finch and had

daughter Georgiana); Ann Eliza (Mrs. S. B. Beardsley); Wm. (died at sea); Mary Louisa (died unmarried); Harriet Frances (died unmarried).

Ann Eliza, daughter of William and Rhua Daskam, married June 29, 1844, Sidney Burr Beardsley (Judge S. B. Beardsley), and had :

Cyrus H., died young.

An infant.

Edward Burr; married Harriet Phelps.

Sarah Taylor; married Fritz Hosuinghaus.

Susan; married Charles, son of Fred'k. Wood.

Judge S. B. Beardsley is deceased and his widow and family are residing in Bridgeport.





genealogy-recitals. Her mother, Martha Hickox-Trowbridge,<sup>1</sup> was baptized in Wilton in 1743-4. She was the daughter of Silas Hickox, born Jan. 8, 1714, (page 281) and married, first, March 9, 1763, Josiah Trowbridge, and second, Aug. 6, 1777, David Lockwood. Silas Hickox, the grandfather of Mrs. John Boalt, was the son of a "good man," Deacon Benjamin (and Sarah Lockwood-Selleck) Hickox, first of Stamford and next of Norwalk (Wilton Parish). Deacon Benjamin Hickox was the first deacon of the Wilton Church, and it is a singular and suggestive coincidence that Deacon Benj. Hickox, of Woodbury, (see Cothren page 566) should have been about the same age and have died the very same year, and had a son Silas, as was and did and had Norwalk's Deacon Benjamin Hickox. Silas Hickox (father of Mrs. David Lockwood) received from his worthy sire advantageous Wilton property, a portion of the Hickox estate being the vicinity-site of the present Congregational Church in that town. His mother was the remarkable Kellogg-bride referred to in sub foot-note, page 272, and the care which he (Silas) took of his niece, Mrs. Job Burlock (grandmother of Mrs. Nathan Warren and Mrs. LeGrand Cannon, of Troy, and great-grandmother of Mrs. Benjamin DeForest, of New York, see pages 278-280) is trust-evidence. That niece, over whom the Court, in 1748, appointed him a guardian, lived to see trouble. Her husband died at his own door-sill, and she, because of political (property) complications, fled, to marry, however, for a second husband, an English General who has fine notice in the annals of Nova Scotia. The history of Mrs. John Boalt's Hickox blood and affinity is study-repaying and forms a no mean topic of Norwalk genealogical and biographical recitation. She herself, and it is no surprise that it was so, was a New England woman whose virtues such a pattern son as the late Hon. Chas. Leicester Boalt, of Sandusky, Ohio, naturally inherited. She was, as has been expressed of her, "a most unusual woman, stamping on each child her individual traits, of perfect honesty and fine personal character. The children (she had three sons and eight daughters) always spoke of their mother as a woman to be greatly respected and revered."<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Mrs. David Lockwood (formerly the widow Trowbridge) whose daughter Ruth married John, son of David and Sarah (Mott or de la Mott) Boalt, and who was married to Mr. Lockwood Aug. 6, 1777, was the widow of Josiah Trowbridge of Wilton, Conn. She was born in 1743 and her maiden name was Hickox. Her Trowbridge union took place March 9, 1763. Her Lockwood daughter Ruth, (Mrs. John Boalt) was born Jan. 9, 1780. David Lockwood, her husband, died July 6, 1789. On the 26th of Jan. the year previous (1788) he drew up his will and executed it. He made bequests to his wife Martha, and his children Thomas, David, Silas Clark, John, Ruth and Anne. The will was proven in less than a month after his decease, Aug. 3, 1789, but the estate was not inventoried until Dec. 18, 1790, and the court did not order its distribution until Nov. 7, 1791, while distribution was not finally made until Mar. 20, 1792. The

children were first cousins of Benjamin (father of LeGrand) Lockwood, and of Edwin, who lived so long at the head of Norwalk Green (present home of the daughters of the late Morgan T. Smith), and of the well known Alfred Lockwood, of New York City.

<sup>2</sup>She was named for her grandmother Ruth, Mrs. Silas Hickox. This goodly couple, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hickox, were admitted to the Wilton Church on April 16, 1738. They had probably just been married and after covenanting between themselves made their "covenant" with God. Their dwelling was in a sequestered portion of the Wilton precincts, hard by which lay some of the boldest scenery in that romantic township. They had five children, Wm., Sarah, Martha (Mrs. Josiah Trowbridge first, and second, Mrs. David Lockwood), Esther and Hannah. Martha was born June 13, 1743-4, and she gave her mother's name, Ruth, to her Lockwood daughter.



Hon. Charles Leicester Boalt, of Sandusky, Ohio, born in Norwalk, Conn., Nov. 27, 1802, and son of John and Ruth (Lockwood) Boalt, of this town, married Eliza Woodbridge, daughter of Gov. Roger Griswold and grand-daughter of Gov. Matthew Griswold, both of Conn. This distinguished Norwalk native (see page 188) and known and prized by such modern residents of this town as Judge Thomas B. Butler and Colonel F. St. John Lockwood, died in Sandusky, Ohio, Aug. 10, 1870, leaving the following children :

Cornelia Elizabeth.

(Mrs. Wm. H. McDonald, Glens Falls, N. Y.)

Charles Griswold.

John Henry.

Frances Lane Griswold.<sup>1</sup>

(Mrs. Jay Osborne Moss, Sandusky, Ohio.)

Frederick Harper.

William Leicester (Austria).

These children have distinct Colonial office-ancestry, their father's Hickox foreparent having been a member, in 1728, of the Hartford Colonial General Assembly and their mother having been of more than one Colonial Governor's blood.

But few sons of old Norwalk have ever reflected such eminent credit upon their New England cradle as has Hon. Charles L. Boalt, of Ohio. His visits to his father's hearthstone are well remembered and all who here knew him will agree with the accompanying just tribute, which was written, at his decease, in his adopted Ohio :

"Mr. Boalt was a man generally and most favorably known, especially among members of the bar. He was a man of indomitable courage and unflinching perseverance in everything he undertook; a man of probity and honor, and of the highest moral sentiments and purity of character. He possessed all of those kind and genial qualities that lend their sweetest charms to social companionship. Few men ever lived who enjoyed more fully the love and esteem of personal acquaintances. He has left thousands to mourn his loss, but enemies he had none."

Jacob, Charles and Ebenezer were the brothers (other than David<sup>2d</sup> and John) who were the sons of David<sup>1st</sup> and Sarah Boalt. These brethren have, in different localities, perpetuated the name of their Norwalk ancestor, John Boalt,<sup>2</sup> of Five Mile River, the

<sup>1</sup>Frances Lane Griswold Boalt married May 26, 1863, Jay Osborne Moss, of the "Moss Bank," Sandusky, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Moss have two children, Augustus Leicester and Cornelia Emily. The brother Augustus L., married Carrie Curtis, of Hartford, and the sister, Cornelia E., is the present Mrs. George Hunter Brown, Jr., of Fishkill-on-Hudson. Mrs. Jay O. Moss makes contribution of her time and talents in the prosecution of the work of historical and genealogical study. Herself of notable lineage she gladly minds any discovery in a kindred direc-

tion, and takes a warm interest in her departed father's birth place recordings and reminiscences. Her husband, Jay Osborne Moss, is a descendant of John Moss, one of the A.D., 1639, singers of the New Haven Colony compact. The blood of both Mr. and Mrs. Moss is that of the conspicuous and commendable of the land.

<sup>2</sup>John Boalt, <sup>1st</sup>. "Artice" (so an ancient deed designates him) or topographer, was, if an old manuscript is reliable, the son of Richard Boalt, Sr., and the American Norwalk-line Boalt father. Richard



first of the family who has record in this antiquity-plantation. It is a pity that disassociation with the past should be such an accomplished fact as that inquiry must needs, in 1896, be made ere one can be assured, locality-wise, of such formerly well-known Rowayton or Five Mile River sites as Boalt's meadows, "Reed's Farm" and "Warren's dock."

The Lockwood family into which John, son of David Boalt,<sup>1st</sup> married is a household, the descendants of which, lineal and collateral, have so figured in home and abroad history as that the household's founder could hardly have forecast the increase and influence of his large and important progeny.

With the description-completion of Home-lot xx ends the partial story of those primitive hearthstone divisions which stood on the ancient "Towne Streete." Other fathers elsewhere planted themselves (see diagram page 39). The situations of the referred-to home-sites are believed to be accurate, but the numbering of the same is simply a matter of convenience.

Boalt, Sr., had four sons, Richard,<sup>2d</sup> John,<sup>1st</sup>, (who came to Norwalk) William, Benjamin, Charles, and a daughter Deborah. No other Boalts than those of this lineage are found in Norwalk. The estate of John Boalt<sup>1st</sup> was inventoried May 4, 1730, and his widow and son Richard<sup>3d</sup> were the executors of the same.

This dock at the navigable head of Five Mile River was, it is believed, built by Edmond Warren, (see page 268) the parent of the Norwalk Warrens. It stood, as is now said and shown in Rowayton, on the west side of the stream and immediately across the Tramway bridge which spans the narrow upper end of said river at Rowayton. Beyond this dock and bridge the stream, a small rivulet and afterward brook, may be traced as far north as Vista in the State of New York. (See page 59.) The "Warren dock" is mentioned to-day by the descendants of Edmond Warren,<sup>1st</sup> and its present appearance is not unattractive. It is claimed by one of the Warren family that a son of Edmond,<sup>1st</sup> the forefather, was drowned in "Warren's Pond" at Rowayton. As before intimated on this page it is to be regretted that so many old time place-memories have been permitted to lapse with the lapse of the generations. It is not, however, altogether too late to undo to some extent this remissness-effect, and the proper tablet marking of points still recognition-possible, might constitute albeit a limited yet a not entirely uninteresting panorama of Norwalk founding days' "experiences."

#### BOALT-GLINTS.

Samuel, son of William and Lydia Boalt, married Jan. 3, 1798, Mary Webb, and had Samuel Webb Boalt, born December 9, 1798. Mary, wife, died December 26, 1798.

From Boalt records which have been preserved in Unadilla, N. Y., it is gathered that John Boalt<sup>1st</sup>, the Norwalk pioneer, had a sister Deborah, who married and settled in the extreme north-western portion of Fairfield County. Her husband's name is said to have been Wanzer. Wanzer appears to have been a New Milford vicinity cognomen of later date.

It is inferred that the Charles Boalt, (son of Richard<sup>3d</sup>) who died at sea, left two daughters, Lydia, who married a Captain Butterworth and settled in Boston, and Elizabeth, who married a Timberlin.

The Ballston, N. Y., Boalts are descendants of William Boalt of New Canaan. There stands to-day, at the foot of Church Hill, in that town, and in the rear of the present Seymour Comstock residence, the remains (transformed) of an old Boalt mill.

David Boalt<sup>2d</sup>, who married Sarah Taylor, lived in the yet existing house on "Mullen Hill" (opposite the Main Street Edwin Hoyt home). This hill has been so changed as that a very imperfect idea can now be formed of the old David Boalt<sup>2d</sup> grounds.

The Vista Boalt home grounds are unbuilt upon in 1896. They stand upon the New Canaan and Ridgefield road, about midway between the two towns, and near the source of the stream, Five Mile River, at the mouth of which the Norwalk Boalt father established himself.

The Hickox-Burlock relationship furnishes matter for quite a chapter of Norwalk history. Job Burlock, the father of the Burlock family, met with a sad death, and his widow afterward married in the Provinces. It is possible that she had children by her second husband, but they do not appear in their mother's childhood home. Her maiden-De Forest name still lives, although marriages and removals have wrought great alterations. The Lockwood family vigorously remains to this hour.





## HOME-LOT XXI.

SAMUEL HALE.  
ROBERT STUART.

Samuel Hale's tenancy of home-lot xxi is mentioned in connection with that of his supposed to be brother Thomas' occupation of home-lot xvi (see page 285). The Hale's do not appear to have remained many years in Norwalk, nor here to have left descendants. Nathan Hale, the patriot-spy of the Revolution, came to Norwalk, (see Lamb's New York, Volume ii, page 137) but his errand was entirely professional. He here took a craft and, investigation errand-bound, sailed from hence<sup>1</sup> to the enemy's quarters at Huntington, on the thither side of Long Island Sound.

Robert Stuart, the second occupant of home-lot xxi, made the purchase on March 8, 1660. The lot was in the rear of the East Avenue Chichester property of 1896. Mr. Stuart may have made this purchase as anticipatory of his marriage, June 12, 1661, to Bethia, daughter of Thomas and Rose (Sherwood) Rumble of Stratford. Mrs. Stuart's father, Thomas Rumble, was born in 1613, and came in Sept. 1635, to Boston. The year after Thomas Rumble landed, a small craft of 25 tons brought the brave Lyon Gardiner, and his wife Mary, to these shores. These two worthies were the founders of the well-known "Gardiner's Island," in the eastern part of Long Island Sound. Lyon Gardiner reached Saybrook Nov. 28, 1635, and the next season built the Saybrook fort. At this time Thomas Rumble put himself under Mr. Gardiner's command, and fought against the Pequots. The first white child born (Apr. 29, 1636) in Connecticut, David, son of Lyon and Mary Gardiner, was the offspring of Rumble's leader, the birth of which lad the soldier, Rumble, for thirteen years survived. Four years after his death, his widow, Rose, married Thomas Barlow of Fairfield. Mrs. Barlow survived her second husband, and married, third, Edward Nash, the founder of the Nash family of Norwalk. Her daughter Bethia had wedded Robert Stuart, and the two good people lived on the home-lot under description (xxi). To the south of their domain stretched a tract east of the highway (rear of the present Oscar W. Raymond and other<sup>2</sup> properties) which (see note page 7) may originally

<sup>1</sup>The point on the Norwalk coast from which Nathan Hale embarked for Long Island is not, so far, positively known. The Raymonds, in 1764-84, ran a "ferry" to the Island, but there is proof that Hale's conveyance was not a public one. There was private transportation to the Island from "Pampaskashanke", and horses for the British were "scowed" across the Sound from Middlesex (Darien). The Sunday (July 22, 1781) route from the shore which the captors of Rev. Moses Mather took, lay, one record states, from just west of the head of Pampaskashanke inlet (Wilson's Cove, 1896) near "Witch Lane", and thence over the present "old Five-Mile River Road" to the Middlesex Church, along which same way they possibly marched the prisoner-minister and his assembled

people, in pairs, on the return to their boats at Pampaskashanke beach. "Witch Lane" (see page 302) is to this day a wierd spot. The present Norwalk Tramway crosses it at a point not greatly distant from the temporary quarters of old Phæbe Comstock's old slave, "O'ne" (see note page 260). The Comstock's who lived in Lower Silver Mine, seem to have gathered their salt hay from the neighborhood of the 1896 Belden Point, and "O'ne," during the hay-cutting season, probably there inhabited. At the summit of Witch Lane, and but a few rods northwest of the Tramway crossing, is a small burial enclosure, which formed a portion of the Esaias Bouton estate, and within which are interred the mortal remains of this Pampaskashanke resident and those of his wife.



have possibly been intended for Mr. Ludlow's sons, but which fell to Richard Bushnell's ownership. Mr. Bushnell was a non-resident of Norwalk, probably, but as he had married Maria, daughter of Matthew Marvin, Sr., he was Norwalk-connected. On May 30, 1663, Robert Stuart bought from Thos. Adgate of Norwich (who had married the widow of Richard Bushnell and was administrator of the Bushnell estate) a portion of this fine piece, and on Oct. 22, 1674, he purchased still more of it. Mr. Stuart also owned a large slice of property in the "Ely Neck", later "Belden Neck" vicinity. "Stuart's Meadow" was his belonging as well as "Stuart's Landing". The latter was quite a shipping pier or place, near what was afterwards known as the "Village", (between the South Norwalk and Wilson Point of 1896). Robert Stuart made his thus endorsed will, "They that are in the Lord are happy indeed", on March 12, 1679, and died in 1688, leaving issue as follows:

James,<sup>1st</sup> born March 19, 1662-3.

Abigail, born middle Aug. 1666. (Mrs. Richard Corsair.)<sup>1</sup>

John,<sup>1st</sup> born March 18, 1668-9.

Deborah, born May, 1669.

Elizabeth, born Sept., 1671.

Phœbe, born Feb. 1673.

Sarah, born 1675.

Samuel,<sup>1st</sup> born May, 1677.

Rachel, born 1685. (Married David, son of John Raymond<sup>1st</sup>).

The children of James<sup>1st</sup> and Experience Stuart were James<sup>2nd</sup>, Robert, Hannah, (married John Taylor), Deborah (married Apr. 14, 1726, James Pickett),<sup>2</sup> Mary (married John Morehouse of Fairfield), and Emma (who married, March 4, 1723-4), John Paret of Fairfield. The family seat was where now resides, on East Avenue, the widow of the late Wm. G. Thomas. This piece of property (some two or so acres) was on Feb. 20, 1667, granted by the town "Proprietors" to James Beebe of Stratford (see note page 113). Soon after James Stuart<sup>1st</sup> became of age, he bought (1685) Mr. Beebe out, and the latter removed to Danbury. Mr. Stuart held the acres intact until Dec. 1, 1726, when he deeded one-half acre to the town as a site for the third Meeting House, he receiving for the new

<sup>1</sup>The children of Richard and Abigail (Stuart) Corsair were: John, born 1693; Abigail (married a Watson); Hezekiah, born July 3, 1708; Josiah, born March 1, 1710 (removed to Milford); and Thomas, born 1711.

<sup>2</sup>Deborah, daughter of Ensign James<sup>1st</sup> and Experience Stuart, married April 14, 1726, James<sup>2nd</sup>, son of James<sup>1st</sup> and Rebecca (Keeler) Pickett, and grandson of John and Margaret Pickett the settlers. The son, John, born Sept. 6, 1737, of James and Deborah (Stuart) Pickett, married Mercy Platt, and had a son

John, who married Mary Bates, which John and Mary (Bates) Pickett were the parents of Clarissa Pickett, born March 28, 1799, who married the late Joseph Platt Wood of East Avenue, Norwalk, who was the father of the energetic Noah Wood, now of said Avenue, and who, in 1896, owns and occupies the house of the late Edwin Hall, D.D., in the second story south east front room of which was compiled "Hall's Norwalk", and written "Hall's Infant Baptism", and later in the author's Norwalk life, "Hall's Puritans and their Principles".





ecclesiastical locality three and one-half "Ely Neck" acres. The choice of this lot for the third church was made by a disinterested committee (James Wadsworth, John Hall and Samuel Clark) appointed by the Connecticut General Assembly. The old church (second edifice) stood on the Earle's Hill of 1896, but the settlement was stretching northward, and convenience compelled the sanctuary's removal. The structure here reared (Thomas place of 1896) was the same that was burned by the British in 1779. After the town's conflagration, the fourth Meeting House was built at the south end of "The Green," opposite, or nearly so, of the present First Congregational Church. Subsequently to Mr. Stuart's disposal of his land to the Church Society he left Norwalk and made a home in Kent, Litchfield County, Connecticut.

John Stuart<sup>1st</sup>, brother of James<sup>1st</sup>, had John<sup>2d</sup>, Silas, Reuben, Benjamin, Ezra, Abigail (married Jan. 20, 1746, Samuel Fountain), Jemima and Sarah. He was a town surveyor. On Christmas day 1723, he sold ten acres of East Avenue (1896) property to Robert Smith, founder of the Smith branches (Fountain, Hutton and John L.) of the Smith family, and afterward removed to Wilton, of which place he was one of the settlers.

Samuel Stuart<sup>1st</sup>, brother of James<sup>1st</sup> and John<sup>1st</sup>, married Hannah, daughter of Thomas Bennett of Fairfield. His children were: Samuel, John, Simeon<sup>1st</sup>,<sup>1</sup> Nathan, Ruth (married Jonathan Atherton) and Dorothy; who on Aug. 18, 1742-3, married Daniel Burchard of Cortland Manor.

The three sons of Robert<sup>1st</sup> and Bethia Stuart, viz.: James<sup>1st</sup>, John<sup>1st</sup> and Samuel<sup>1st</sup> have many name-descendants to-day, and the sons and daughters of the old Stuart proprietor of home-lot xxi have widely diffused his blood.<sup>2</sup>

#### OF ROBERT STUART<sup>1st</sup> DESCENT.

The good fore-parents, Robert<sup>1st</sup> and Bethia Stuart, had recently bought their home-site (near the 1896 Edmund Smith house, just east of Earle's Hill) when their first

<sup>1</sup>Samuel and Hannah Stuart had a son Simeon<sup>1st</sup>, who married Nov. 15, 1739, Abigail Smith, who had Simeon<sup>2d</sup>, who seemed to marry Mary or Maria, daughter of David Whelpley, and to have had Olive, born May 28, 1760, who married Samuel<sup>3d</sup>, son of Samuel<sup>2d</sup> and Elizabeth (Platt) Fitch, who were the parents of Sherman Platt Fitch of Wilton. (see p. 216.)

<sup>2</sup>The Stuart family has widely scattered representatives to-day. Nathaniel, son of Nathan Stuart, was baptized Oct. 15, 1755, and married Mary, daughter of Isaac, son of Joseph and grandson of Ephraim Lockwood the settler. Nathaniel and Mary Stuart removed to Vermont. Nathaniel's younger brother, Nathan, born 1747, and almost, if not the only Stuart-named occupant of St. Matthew's Cemetery, Wilton, has a somewhat pathetic history. The little fellow was home-gathered just as the sun was setting on the evening of July 20, 1761, when a bolt descended from a thunder-cloud, and, as was the case with Blackleach Jessup of the same parish, he was instantly killed.

On June 21, 1778, William Scott of the Flat Rock (Ridgefield) district family, married Susanna Stuart. The Scott's seem to have arrived at the Wilton-Ridgefield borders from the more southern portion of the country. They are represented to-day in Ridgefield and Norwalk. It was near their "Flat Rock" possessions that Tryon's men slept on the April 1777 night after the burning of Danbury, and at the time of the Ridgefield skirmish.

The branch of the old Quintard family which is to-day represented by the investigating C. A. Quintard of Main Street, derived its Stuart-Pickett blood from Deborah, daughter of Ensign James Stuart<sup>1st</sup>, who married James<sup>2d</sup>, son of James Pickett<sup>1st</sup>. Ezra Pickett, born July 12, 1740, son of James<sup>2d</sup> and Deborah Pickett, and who, on March 30, 1761, married Elizabeth Benedict was the father of Elizabeth Pickett who married Isaac, father of the late Evert Quintard, one of Norwalk's venerable and much regarded recent citizens.



born, James Stuart<sup>1st</sup>, came to gladden the home in the spring of 1662-3. The young James, in due time, became a father, and having settled about a half-mile north of his parents, (Thomas East Avenue home of 1896) his wife Experience presented him with a son who, named for his paternal grandfather, was Robert Stuart<sup>2nd</sup>. Robert<sup>2nd</sup> had several children: Betty, born 1740; Sarah, bap. June 3, 1743; Experience, bap. May 1, 1751; Isaiah, bap. Aug. 29, 1748, and Isaac, born 1749. The last named child, Isaac, married, Dec. 25, 1771, Olive, born Oct. 20, 1749, daughter of (so it seems) Thaddeus and Abigail Morehouse. Soon after his marriage Isaac Stuart left his peaceful home on the Wilton height, and joining Capt. Comstock's company, "went to war". He had a brother James also, and his sister Sarah, marrying Peter Hubbell, was the mother of the late venerable Matthias Hubbell of Main Street, Norwalk. Isaac Stuart's children were Betty, born July 9, 1772; Martha, born Dec. 24, 1777; Moses, born March 26, 1780, and Sarah, born Aug. 25, 1781. Moses, the only son of Isaac and Olive Stuart, left at his decease. Jan. 4, 1852, an imperishable name and record. He was a Yale man, Class of 1799, and for a short time a Yale tutor. He was settled for a few years over the Centre Church, New Haven, and then was elected Professor of Sacred Literature in the Andover, Mass., Theological Seminary. He married a Miss Hannah Clark of Danbury, and had several children. It was a long step from the quiet portal at the rear of "Drum Hill" to the eminent pulpit on the Elm City Green, but the promising young Moses accomplished it, and his exceptional attainments and character have conferred glory upon his family name and his ancient birth-town. His father died March 23, 1820, and his mother reached a grand age, having deceased June 24, 1840.

## HOME-LOT XXII.

JOHN STEELE.<sup>1</sup>

MATTHIAS ST. JOHN.<sup>2</sup>

As the head of a great house, the name of Matthias Sension or St. John, is laurel-crowned. When this father arrived in Norwalk and chose his cottage-site, the place was a wilderness. He selected for his home the highest point on the "Towne Street", and, looking through the "clearings" caught, from his south-facing door, glimpses of the dis-

<sup>1</sup>For Hon. John Steele's connection with this home-lot see foot note, page 40.

<sup>2</sup>Agreeable to the statement-drift of the "Lineage Preface" found on page 81, the subjoined is here submitted.

### ST. JOHN PEDIGREE.

St. John was a name of note in England. Oliver St. John of Penmarke was step-grandfather of Henry VII. Lady Anna, daughter of Sir John St. John, was great-grandmother of Gov. Calvert of Maryland, the father-in-law of John Parke Custis, who was Presi-

dent Washington's step-son, and the grandfather of Mary Randolph Custis (Mrs. Gen. Robert E. Lee).

The claim was formerly made that the Colonial Connecticut St. John's were of descent from one of the English Kings. Cicely, a daughter of Edward IV. married Viscount Sir John, the son of whom took the name of Sir John de St. John, which latter's great-grandson Sir Oliver, was the father of Elizabeth St. John (born 1605, who married, in 1629, a son of John Whitney, Lord Mayor of Boston, England), who came to this country in May, 1636, and settled, with



tantly shimmering Sound. The site of the original St. John hearthstone is to-day covered by the north door-yard and adjoining short east and west roadway of the East Avenue Chichester property. On this spot, the purchase in 1661, from Hon. John Steele, the remarkable progenitor spent his Norwalk life-time, and with his aging eyes beheld the gradual growth of the Ludlow plant.

Roger Ludlow, the Norwalk purchaser and Matthias St. John, the Norwalk pioneer, with other "persons of figure," appear to have been founders of Dorchester, Mass. Ludlow, dissatisfied with the elevation, in 1636, of John Haynes to the Governorship of Massachusetts, determined to quit the colony and emigrate to Connecticut. With a number of his Dorchester neighbors, including, quite possibly, Matthias St. John, Sr., the party, "nearly one-half the population of Dorchester", and a large proportion of its intelligence and wealth, made its way to Windsor, Connecticut. Ludlow came afterward to Fairfield and St. John to Norwalk.

Mr. St. John's estate was tabulated as early as 1655, and in 1661 he bought the home-lot of "Mr. Steele of Farmington". Granting that the St. John's had fully Norwalk arrived in 1655, the youngest member of the family, James, would have then been six years of age. The children, none of whom were born in Norwalk, were :

MATTHIAS, JR.	MARK.	
SAMUEL.	MERCIE.	JAMES.

The oldest son of Matthias St. John, Sr., (Matthias Jr.) must at least have "been of age" in 1655, as his estate was then a matter of record. In 1672 himself and wife Elizabeth are listed as having seven children,<sup>1</sup> but their progeny's full complement was, probably, eight, viz.: Ebenezer, James<sup>2d</sup>, Samuel<sup>2d</sup>, Nathan, Matthias<sup>3d</sup>, John, Rachel and Mary.

her husband, in Lynn, Mass. Her father was a man of mark in Cromwell's time, a fact adduced in possible explanation of the conjecture found in Hurd's, 1881, History of Fairfield County, Conn., to the effect that the Norwalk St. John's are descendants of a relative by that name of Protector Oliver and Lady Elizabeth Cromwell. Again, the belief has obtained that Matthias, the Norwalk St. John forefather, was of kin to Lord Bolingbroke; whilst, finally, a partial genealogy of the family, published in 1890, records that the Norwalk St. John ancestors were French Huguenots who, driven from their native country on account of their religion, found a refuge in America.

Staunch advocates of these St. John foreign conjectures were found in the families of Jos. St. John<sup>2d</sup>, Moses St. John, and in the person of Henry St. John of New Haven, who is remembered in Norwalk to-day. Henry St. John married into a branch of the Samuel Gray family of Brookfield, Conn. Samuel Gray removed from Brookfield to Norwalk, residing for some time in the old building which once occupied the northwest corner of the present North Ave-

nue and France Street. He was thrice married. By his first wife he had one child who died young. His second wife was a Ritner, by whom he had one daughter, Miss Sarah Gray. His third wife was Mary Lyon, who died at the house of the late Lucretia (Jarvis) St. John in Main Street. There was no issue by this marriage. Samuel Gray's niece, daughter of his cousin Harvey E. Gray, of Brookfield, married Mr. Henry St. John of New Haven.

The Lord Bolingbroke crest embellished the Hudson River palace steamer "St. John," which vessel was named for, and for a time commanded by, a great-grandson of Moses St. John of Norwalk, Capt. Alanson Platt St. John.

The old home in which the children of Matthias St. John<sup>2d</sup> were brought up, stood in a portion of what now forms the East Norwalk Earle homestead. It was hard by Ephraim Lockwood's house on "Meeting House Hill", but somewhat nearer the "lane leading to Oyster Shell Point". Soon after the death of Matthias St. John<sup>2d</sup>, his son Ebenezer sold one-half of the lot to Benjamin St. John, which Benjamin al-





Mark, second son of Matthias St. John<sup>1st</sup>, was the stirring settler who was owner of home-lot iii, as per page 93 and note on page 40.

Samuel, born in 1639, brother of Mark St. John, married in Sept. 1663, Elizabeth, daughter of Walter, the Norwalk Hoyt settler. On his pre-bridal errands Samuel had only to cross a few of the Indian-cleared fields before was reached the home of his future partner, near the present railroad-transformed Fort Point. His life was comparatively brief, as he died at the age of forty-five (Jan. 14, 1684), leaving three children: Sarah, Thomas and Elizabeth.

James<sup>1st</sup>, youngest son of Matthias St. John, Sr., was married just as 1673 expired (Dec. 31). His partner was Rebecca, daughter of John Pickett<sup>1st</sup> of Stratford.<sup>1</sup> Matthias St. John's last boy, James<sup>1st</sup>, seemed to be in precarious health. He enjoyed only two years of wedded life and died without issue, leaving his property largely to his widow and his nephews Joseph, Thomas and James St. John, and James Lockwood, the son of his sister Mercie (Mrs. Ephraim Lockwood, the Norwalk Lockwood settler). This sister (Mercie) of the early St. John boys, was the progenitress (see home-lot xx, page 289) of the extensive Lockwood household of Norwalk.

#### A DIVERSE ST. JOHN DESCENT.

Joseph<sup>1st</sup>, Norwalk's oldest St. John "only son" (see page 93) was the son of Mark and grandson of Matthias St. John, Sr. He married at the age of thirty-two (Mar. 15, 1696) Sarah, (born 1666) daughter of Thomas<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Betts, and had:

Sarah, born June 13, 1697.

Mary, born Aug. 22, 1701. (Mrs. John Eversley<sup>1st</sup>)<sup>2</sup>

Joseph<sup>2d</sup>, born Nov. 5, 1705. ("Captain".)

Elizabeth, born Feb. 6, 1707. (Mrs. Isaac Scudder.)<sup>3</sup>

ready owned the land adjoining it on every side save the north.

<sup>1</sup>John Pickett the settler appeared first in Salem, Mass., in 1648 and two years later in Stratford. He died April 11, 1684 and his wife, Margaret Oct. 6, 1685. His sons John, James<sup>1st</sup>, (see note page 223) and Thomas were baptized in Salem in 1648. His daughter Sarah, who married Robert Lane of Stratford, was baptized the same year as were her three brothers. His daughter Rebecca, who married James St. John of Norwalk, and her younger brother Daniel, were baptized later. He was a Stratford Constable in 1650, Selectman in 1667, and a Colonial Assembly Representative 1673-1675.

<sup>2</sup>The children of the young Englishman John<sup>1st</sup>, and Mary (St. John) Eversley were John Eversley<sup>2d</sup>, Daniel, born 1740, Sarah and Mary. John Eversley<sup>2d</sup> married Abigail Hyatt and had: John<sup>3rd</sup>, born Aug. 23, 1766; Molly (Mrs. Samuel Cable, Jr.), born Mar. 27, 1769 and Betty (Mrs. Salmon Jennings), born Jan. 3, 1773. John Eversley<sup>3rd</sup> married Mary, born

March 23, 1770, daughter of Nathaniel Benedict and had Anah (Mrs. Eli B. Bennett), born July 30, 1794; John, born Aug. 21, 1797, unmarried; Polly, Dec. 29, 1799, unmarried; Charles, born Aug. 28, 1802, married Jane Ketchum of L. I.; Esther Mary, born May 8, 1803 (Mrs. Richard Sammis); Eliza Ann, born Feb. 14, 1809, (Mrs. Samuel Fernald of N.Y.); and Harriet, born June 1, 1815 (Mrs. Isaac Platt Jarvis).

The children of Eli B. and Anah (Eversley) Bennett were, Mary Augusta; Nancy Emily; John Frederick; Charles Rinaldo; Edwin; Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. Edward W. Stuart); Harriet, (Mrs. Stiles Whiting Curtiss); Augusta, (Mrs. James E. Hayt); Jane Eliza and Sarah Frances.

Salmon and Betty (Eversley) Jennings, lived in the present Cram East Avenue place. They had one child, Sally Ann, who married William Clark and had two children, Edgar and Mary Augusta, neither of whom married.

Isaac Scudder<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk was one of the eight sons of Benj. Scudder<sup>1st</sup>, who was son of Thomas<sup>2d</sup>,



Joseph St. John<sup>1st</sup>. made his will Sept. 24, 1731, and dying two days afterward, the will was probated Jan. 12, 1731-2. In this document mention is made of his wife Sarah, his son Joseph<sup>2d</sup>. and his daughters Mary Eversley and Elizabeth. His wife survived him till Aug. 27, 1735. His son, Joseph<sup>2d</sup>., like his father before him, was an only son, who, in his marriage to Susannah, born Sept. 3, 1709, daughter of Nathan and Susannah (Hooker-Selleck, conveyed to his children and their descendants the staunchest of Colonial blood (page 293). The children of Joseph<sup>2d</sup>. and Susannah St. John were :

Susannah. (Mrs. Eliphalet Lockwood<sup>2d</sup>.)

Sarah, born Dec. 6, 1734; died Apr. 18, 1741.

Stephen, (Col.) born 1736.

Hooker, born 1742; died March 10, 1782, (unmarried.)<sup>1</sup>

William, born 1744; died Feb. 1, 1800.

Buckingham, born 1745; died May 5, 1771, (unmarried).

———— (son) died ten years old.

Joseph St. John<sup>2d</sup>. died Sept. 1753, his wife having preceded him to the tomb on Nov. 4, 1749. His will was drawn Oct. 1, 1751, and admitted to court Oct. 5, 1756. He bequeathed to his oldest son (Col. Stephen) the handsome amount, in that day, of £1000, as Stephen was not yet of age. He testamentarily enjoined that his "son William and Buckingham be brought up to learning in ye college at New Haven". William, for some reason, did not take up a collegiate course, but Buckingham was Yale connected in 1760, and was drowned in Long Island Sound whilst on a passage from New Haven to Norwalk, May 4, 1771.

Isaac was son of Thomas Scudder<sup>1st</sup>. of L. I., the father of the Scudder family of America. Thomas<sup>1st</sup>., grandfather of Isaac Scudder<sup>1st</sup>., is believed to have been the son of Dr. Henry Scudder who presided at the (1643) convention appointed by order of the King, Westminster Abbey (see Munsell's History of Suffolk County, L. I.) Thomas Scudder<sup>2d</sup>. died in Norwalk, leaving sons and daughters. Benj.<sup>1st</sup>. was one of two only sons. Benj.<sup>1st</sup>. died in 1736 leaving eight children, two of whom, Isaac<sup>1st</sup>. and Ezekiel, settled in Norwalk. Isaac Scudder married Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph<sup>1st</sup>. and Sarah (Betts) St. John, and had :

Isaac.

Sarah. (Mrs. Benjamin Isaacs).

Elizabeth. (Married Aug. 27, 1776, Job Bartram).

Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Scudder was the third wife of Job Bartram. Mr. Bartram died, first, Nov. 18, 1762, Jerusha Thompson, who was his second wife, died Nov. 23, 1773. The widower married, second, Abigail Starr, Nov. 7, 1774, Abigail Starr, and had Daniel Starr Bartram, born 1775, who was the father, among other children, of Helen, the late Mrs. Dr. Augustus Sam-

mis of South Norwalk and New Haven. Mrs. Abigail Bartram died Jan. 14, 1776 and her husband married, third, Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac<sup>1st</sup>. and Elizabeth Scudder. The children of Job and Elizabeth (Scudder) Bartram were Isaac, born March 27, 1777, died next day; John, born Dec. 27, 1778, died Feb. 17, next; Isaac Scudder, born July 2, 1780, died Feb. 27, 1783; Eulalia, born Dec. 22, 1782 and Betsy, born July 10, 1785. Betsy died unmarried.

Eulalia, daughter of Job and Elizabeth Bartram married Rev. Henry Whitlock, Rector 1800-1811, of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk.

Dr. Henry Scudder, the eminent India Missionary descended from another branch of the same family from whence sprang the Norwalk Scudders.

<sup>1</sup>Hooker St. John's complete estate was distributed April 17, 1792, among his two surviving brothers, Stephen and William, and his sister Susannah (Mrs. Eliphalet Lockwood), each receiving an equal share. The value of the whole estate was nearly £2,000. He owned the wharf lot, still held in the Lockwood family, just east of Norwalk Bridge, which lot was valued in 1792, at £50.





Joseph St. John<sup>2d</sup>. resided where now summer-tenants, on East Avenue, the family of Wm. H. Earle. It was, in old times, a sightly and picturesque spot. Four of the seven children died young or unmarried, leaving only Susannah (Mrs. Eliphalet Lockwood<sup>2d</sup>), Col. Stephen and William, to transmit the immediate Joseph St. John<sup>1st</sup>. and <sup>2d</sup>. lineage.<sup>1</sup> The first of this trio, Susannah, has mention on page 292. Her brother,

### COLONEL STEPHEN ST. JOHN,

Ninth Connecticut Regiment,

who is described as having been an elegant man, married, Dec. 9, 1757, Ann, born 1734, daughter of Hon. Samuel and Susannah Fitch,<sup>2</sup> and sister of Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers (see page 161), Mrs. Jehiel Ketchum, and the first (Mrs. Ebenezer Church) as well as of the brothers Samuel Fitch<sup>2d</sup>. (see page 215), Daniel Fitch (see page 221), and Jonathan Fitch (see page 175). The children of Col. Stephen and Ann St. John were :

Stephen<sup>2d</sup>.

Sarah. (Mrs. Dr. John Cannon<sup>2d</sup>.)

William.

Susannah. (Mrs. Isaac Scudder Isaacs).

Nancy. (Mrs. Matthew Marvin of Wilton). (See note page 143).

Col. Stephen St. John died May 9, 1785, and his wife April 28, 1797. Their descendants have Colonial official-eligibility on both foreparents sides. Col. Stephen St. John had military command, and his wife was a daughter of one high in social position. Their son, Stephen<sup>2d</sup>, married Sarah, daughter of Col. Thomas and Sarah (Hill) Fitch (see page 209) which Col. Thomas Fitch was the oldest son of Gov. Thomas Fitch. The children of Stephen<sup>2d</sup> and Sarah St. John were : Julia Ann (the first Mrs. Horace Gibbs, see page 211) and Henrietta. William, the younger brother of Stephen St. John<sup>2d</sup>, married Hannah Marvin (see note page 143).

Of the daughters of Col. Stephen St. John, Sarah married John<sup>2d</sup>, son of John<sup>1st</sup> (Commodore) and Esther (Perry) Cannon (see page 13 and note page 299) and Susannah married Isaac Scudder Isaacs, son of Benjamin and grandson of Ralph and Mary Isaacs; which St. John-Isaacs alliance invites reference, at this point, as follows :

### RALPH ISAACS LINEAGE.

Ralph Isaacs, a not unimportant name in Norwalk's second half-century history, here appeared in about 1725. There had been those of his name in the land, but none in

<sup>1</sup>The St. John Coat of Arms (Lord Bolingbroke) was inscribed upon the tomb in the East Norwalk Cemetery of Joseph St. John<sup>2d</sup>. This piece, a slate tablet, was, for some unaccountable reason removed from the St. John monument and buried in the old Joseph St. John home ground, where (Earle place 1896) a section of it was found in 1893.

<sup>2</sup>Hon. Samuel Fitch (brother of Gov. Thomas Fitch) was appointed "Committee of war" March 17, 1756 to attend, assist and advise with Andrew Burr, David Rowland, Ebenezer Silliman and Joseph Platt relating to expedition against Crown Point. (See Connecticut Colonial Records.) He was uncle to Col. Thomas Fitch.

Susannah F.  
m  
Ebenezer Church  
1746



Norwalk before that date. The fact that his wife was from Fairfield evidences an acquaintance, on his part, with Fairfield County prior to his Norwalk residenceship. He bought and sold in this town, previous to the purchase of his family seat, an eligible site, crossed to-day by Morgan Avenue. The town had considerably outgrown its original limits, and its land records show that Thomas Hanford<sup>2d</sup> was owner of the upland tract lying, largely, south of the present Betts woods, fronting which skirted the meadow, dotted in 1896, by the Morgan Avenue homes. This was a choice piece of real estate. Jonathan Elmer of Windsor stood possessed, in 1718, of a portion of this meadow, as did also John Keeler, Sr. On Dec. 16, 1718, Keeler sold his block of several acres to Benj. Lynes of Norwalk, an intimate friend of Rev. Stephen Buckingham, and on Jan. 26, 1720, Mr. Elmer did the same with his share of the original lot. On Aug. 15, 1720, Mr. Lynes parted with a slice of the property to Samuel Grumman, and on July 1, 1725, deeded the balance of it to Jonathan Jackson of Boston, as security for paper held by Jackson. Ralph Isaacs now made an offer for the entire Lynes interest. The note, therefore, held by Jackson, was taken up on Oct. 11, 1727, and the property quit-claimed first to Lynes and then to Isaacs.

As one steps from the platform of the Consolidated road's present depot in Fairfield, he finds himself upon the northern borders of one of those levels that appeared so to delight Ludlow, and close by the spot that Humphrey Hyde, a noted Fairfield settler and a particular friend of settler John Gregory of Norwalk, selected, in 1649, for a future home for himself and family. John, the oldest son of Humphrey Hyde, occupied his departed father's house, *next the Rocks*. He had married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Harvey, and taken her from her riverside Stratford hearth to Fairfield, where, on probably the identical grounds now covered by the railroad station referred to, was born, Sept. 25, 1670, Mary Hyde, who, girlhood passed, married a young man from the present Greens Farms, Benjamin Rumsey by name, and had in 1705 a daughter, called for her mother, who, at the age of twenty-one, married Ralph Isaacs, and coming to his meadow homestead at the northern base of the Grumman's Hill of 1896, was the ancestress' of a numerous and honored descent.

Ralph and Mary (Rumsey) Isaacs married March 7, 1725-6, and had:

Samuel, born Jan. 16, 1726-7. (Married Mary, daughter of James Brown.)

Mary, born Sept. 27, 1728. (Died unmarried.)

Esther, born July 19, 1730. (Married Benj. Woolsey of Dorsoris, L. I.)

Isaac, born July 19, 1732. (Died unmarried.)

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<sup>1</sup>The genealogy of Mary Rumsey (Mrs. Ralph Isaacs, Sr.) runs thus: William Frost of Nottingham, England, settled when well on in life, in 1639, in Fairfield on "Frost Square," where he died six years afterward. His oldest son, Daniel, who lived a short distance from his father, married, in 1639, Elizabeth,

daughter of John Barlow of Fairfield and had a daughter Rachel, who married Robert Rumsey. Robt. and Rachel (Frost) Rumsey had a son Benjamin, who married Mary Hyde, which Benjamin and Mary Rumsey were the parents of Mary Rumsey, born 1705, who, (Mar. 7, 1726) married Ralph Isaacs, Sr. of Norwalk.



Sarah, born Aug. 31, 1735. (Married David Bush of Greenwich.)

Benjamin, born Sept. 19, 1737. (Married Sarah Scudder.)

Ralph, born June 4, 1741. (Married Sept. 8, 1761, Mary Perit.)

Grace, born June 10, 1743. (Married Rev. Luke Babcock of Yonkers, N. Y.)

While, through the aid of a vivid imagination, not a few, perhaps, of the ancient habitations of Norwalk are susceptible of picture-clothing, still plain fact itself will attest to the emanation of a remarkable procession of personages from the old Isaacs domicile, which stood in the to-day recalled green-carpeted St. John lot, which has parted with a portion of its emerald acreage to make room for the more pretentious denominated "Morgan Avenue" of later times.

Mr. Isaacs took his bride of twenty to the five acre meadow-home, where, to the young pair, the child, Samuel, was first given. This earliest born grew to love Mary, five years the senior of himself, and the daughter of barrister James Brown, and the two left father and mother and planted themselves in Lower Salem, where came to them Samuel B. Jr., Isaac and quite a little flock of Isaacs nestlings.

Mary, the second child vouchsafed Ralph and Mary Isaacs, was the first daughter to bless the hearthstone, and very properly took her mother's name. She died unmarried.

Esther, the next child's destiny, was a brief life of twenty-five summers, but her career was as signal as it was short, in that, marrying Benj. Woolsey, of a country-seat thousands of acres in extent near Dorsoris, L. I., she, before quitting the world, gave birth to the two distinguished daughters, Mary and Sarah, who were to wed, respectively, Timothy Dwight, D. D., and Moses Rogers. These two girls were not seven years old when their mother was called hence. Their father married, second, Anna Muirson, who bore to him a son, the father of Dr. Theodore D. Woolsey, President of Yale. (See page 166.)

Isaac, the fourth child, whose birthday corresponded to that of his sister Esther, went, as did his seven years older neighbor-boy, Thos. Fitch, afterward Col. Thos. Fitch, into the French war, in which strife both youth were officers. Isaac died a bachelor.

Sarah, next to Isaac, married David Bush of Greenwich, and had four children, viz.: Samuel, Mary (Mrs. Henry Davis of Poughkeepsie), Sarah (Mrs. Ira Rogers), and Elizabeth (Mrs. Henry Greig of Greenwich).

The mother of Mrs. Isaacs (Mary Hyde) was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Harvey) Hyde. John Hyde was the son of Humphrey Hyde, the settler.

#### ISAACS-RUSCO NOTE.

William Rusco, who early appears in Norwalk, and the European foreparent of the large Rusco family of Norwalk, was born in 1594. He came to America from Billerica, England and stopped first in Cambridge and next in Hartford. He was twice married. His first wife died in 1635, and he married, second,

widow Esther (possibly Hume). These had a son, John Rusco<sup>1st.</sup> (see page 113), who, by his wife (Rebecca Beebe) had a daughter Rebecca, who married James Brown<sup>1st.</sup> of Norwalk. James<sup>1st.</sup> and Rebecca (Rusco) Brown had a son, James<sup>2d.</sup>, who married Joanna Whitehead, born in 1690, in Southampton, L. I., and daughter of Samuel Whitehead, who was son of Isaac Whitehead, who lived in New Haven and in New Jersey. Mrs. James Brown<sup>2d.</sup> (Joanna Whitehead) had a daughter Mary, born 1722, who married the oldest son, Samuel, of Ralph Isaacs, Sr. (see note page 113.)





Benjamin<sup>1st</sup>, born the autumn after his father had staked out the ground for the future St. Paul's Church, and for whom that parent built, later, the well-remembered Isaacs house, now supplanted by the Wall Street Masonic Temple, married Sarah, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (St. John) Scudder, and had :

Isaac Scudder, born Feb. 6, 1760.

Benjamin<sup>2d</sup>, born Dec. 1764.<sup>1</sup>

Sarah. (Mrs. Joseph Rogers.)

Esther, born Apr. 1766. (Married Dec. 19, 1784, Wm. Knapp of Greenwich.)

William.

Elizabeth, born Oct. 12, 1770. (Mrs. Amos Belden.) (See page 96.)

Ralph, the namesake and youngest son of Ralph Isaacs, Sr., left Norwalk at an early age and established himself at Branford, on the Sound. He married, Sept. 8, 1761, Mary Perit, of Huguenot descent (see note page 297) and his farm estate was known by the name of Cherry Hill. His daughter Grace, named for his Norwalk sister, the youngest child of Ralph Isaacs, Sr., married Jonathan Ingersoll, son of Rev. Jonathan Ingersoll of Ridgefield, and had a son, afterward Hon. Ralph Isaacs Ingersoll,<sup>2</sup> United States Minister to Russia, who married a daughter of John Cornelius Vanden Huevel, formerly Governor of the Dutch province of Demarara, but now a resident of New York. Old Mr. Vanden Huevel's city residence, is in 1896, covered by the business houses on the northwest corner of Barclay Street and Broadway, but his country home stood on the Bloomingdale Road, at about the present 72nd Street. Besides Mrs. Ingersoll, he had a daughter Maria Eliza, who married John C. Hamilton (son of Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of State under Washington's administration) and a daughter Susan Augusta, who married Thomas Gibbs, the father of Mrs. John Jacob Astor. His son-in-law, John C. Hamilton, purchased the Barclay Street property, the title of which property still remains with Mr. Hamilton's descendants. Mr. Hamilton's father, Secretary Alexander Hamilton, was from the Bahamas. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Gen. Phillip Schuyler. His home was "The Grange", about 145th Street and 9th Avenue, New York. He spent the night previous to his duel with Aaron Burr at his friend Gouverneur Morris' mansion, on Harlem Kills. His wife, at The Grange, was unaware of the duel. After the duel he was carried to his State Street house, near the Battery. His children were : Philip, Alexander<sup>2d</sup>, James A., and John C., the last of whom, (John C.) a lawyer and historian, was the father of Alex-

<sup>1</sup>Benjamin<sup>2d</sup>, son of Benj. and Sarah Isaacs, born Dec. 1764, removed to Bedford, N. Y. He married Sarah Hawley, and had no issue. His sister Sarah married Joseph Rogers of Patterson, N. J., and had : George, Uriah, Sarah (Mrs. Jesse Olmstead), William, Maria, James and Charles. His brother William lived also in Bedford, and having married Mrs. Mary

Riley, had : George, Emily, William H. and Charles. His sister Elizabeth married Amos, son of John and Rebecca (Bartlett) Belden of Norwalk. (See note at foot of page 96.)

<sup>2</sup>The sister of Hon. Ralph Isaacs Ingersoll was the "Grace Ingersoll" referred to in note at foot of page 297.



ander<sup>3d</sup>, who, marrying Elizabeth Smith Nicoll of L. I., were the parents of Rev. Alexander Hamilton of Norwalk.

A great-grandson of Ralph Isaacs, Jr., and grandson of John C. Vanden Huevel Ex-Gov. Charles R. Ingersoll, married Virginia, daughter of Admiral Francis H. Gregory and grand-daughter of Capt. Moses Gregory of Norwalk.

Grace, the youngest child of Ralph<sup>1st</sup> and Mary (Rumsey) Isaacs, married Rev. Luke Babcock. She was a distinguished woman, and lived very handsomely in the center of what is now Yonkers, N. Y. She lost her husband, and was afterward greatly admired by an army officer. (See note page 298.)

Passing away is written on everything sublunary. Before Ralph Isaacs came to Norwalk, the cradle of his remarkable family had sheltered strangers, and after his day others possessed it. The last to inhabit it was the family of William<sup>1st</sup>, son of Colonel Stephen St. John (see note page 297), and the last child therein born was the son of William<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Esther (Belden) St. John, viz.: William St. John<sup>2d</sup>, who married Esther,<sup>1</sup> born Apr. 27, 1783, daughter of James and Rebecca (Gould) Cannon, and had:

Mary Esther. (Mrs. Munson Hoyt.)

Susan Virginia. (Mrs. Charles Sherry.)

Sarah Louisa. (Mrs. Francis Skiddy.)

William<sup>3d</sup>. (Married Joanna Louisa Van Zandt.)

Frederick. (Married Ann Terrill (Isaacs) Rosseau.)

Julia Belden. (Mrs. Jacob A. Van Zandt.)

Isaac Scudder, son of Benj. and Sarah (Scudder) Isaacs, married June 6, 1777, Susannah, daughter of Col. Stephen and Ann (Fitch) St. John, and had:

<sup>1</sup>Esther, wife of Wm. St. John<sup>2d</sup>, was a "gentlewoman" of the olden school. She lived to a ripe age and, as was true of her older sister Sarah, (Mrs. Jonathan Fitch) was blest to the last by tender ministrations. She was of the fifth generation (James, John<sup>3d</sup>, John<sup>2d</sup>, John<sup>1st</sup>.) from John and Maria (Le Grand) Cannon of "Van Staten Eyland", 1748. Her Cannon grandfather, John<sup>3d</sup>, was the original Cannon of Norwalk. He lived on the present East Avenue (F. St. John Lockwood front lawn), and her father's home was the residence in 1896 of her niece, Mrs. Jonathon Camp of Cannon St. Her own (St. John) home beautifully fronted the harbor at the south crest of "Mullen Hill". It stands to-day (High Street) having been slightly removed from its first site. The house in the days of Wm. St. John<sup>2d</sup> was a fine structure. It was painted pure white including even the chimneys, and rising from a generous acreage-bed of carefully cut grass, with densely green bordered paths, and the sun lighting up its elevated south-facing front, it was one of the most striking Norwalk habitations of its day. Mrs. St. John was

only sixteen when her grandfather ("Commodore" Cannon) died. A letter which, albeit, written by that grandfather a quarter-century before she was born, has been preserved and is somewhat of a curiosity in its way: (It is addressed to a Norwalk sailing-master).

Norwalk, Dec. 3, 1755.

CAPT. JOHNSON,

SIR: I have been talking with Mr. Isaacs (Ralph) and we both say you are in the right to sell to them that will give you the most and pay you the best. So you may act as you think will be most to your advantage and best for the whole. Here \* two lads \* will ship cheap for eighteen shillings, York money, a month, and I have got them to stay one or two hours for to hear from you. They did belong to the man of war at York.

From your friend,

JOHN CANNON.

P. S. I have sent the money by the bearer, my negro witch. £5, 10s, 8d old tenor.





Benjamin, born July 17, 1778.

Charles, born June 7, 1795.

William, born Nov. 5, 1788.

John, born Sept. 21, 1799.

Benjamin, named for his grandfather Isaacs, which grandfather bore the first name of his Rumsey grandparent, was born on the site of the still-remembered sunny cottage, occupied later by Eben Whitney, on the Earle hill of 1896. The infant had just entered upon existence when its Belden aunt (Mrs. William St. John), herself a young mother, had the horse saddled and galloping from her home (Morgan Avenue, 1896) saluted her little nephew, who had by six days passed the first anniversary of his birth, when Tryon burned and devastated her own and the Norwalk property generally. The infant matured into the "Judge Isaacs" of sixty years ago, of gravity of manner, and yet, like his brother Charles, not entirely destitute of a touch of humor, possibly, and who had his "office" close by "Isaacs Hill", a little west of the present Wall Street station of the Danbury and Norwalk Railroad. He married Nov. 18, 1798, Frances, daughter of Dr. Richard and Ann (Terrill) Bryan,<sup>1</sup> formerly of Patterson, N. J., but later of Norwalk, and had :

Isaac, born Sept. 14, 1799; (went West.)

Susan, born Nov. 16, 1801.

Richard, born Nov. 14, 1803; (unmarried.)

Elizabeth Hoyt,<sup>2</sup> born Oct. 21, 1805.

<sup>1</sup>Dr. Richard Bryan was a foster son of Norwalk. His wife, Ann Terrill was born (Barbadoes) Dec. 22, 1753. Their children were John Terrill, Mehitable Clark, Joseph, Ann, Frances (Mrs. Benj. Isaacs), Maria, William, Richard S. and Sophia. The Bryan home still stands facing the harbor in the rear of the 1896 Beatty Manufactory, of Norwalk. It was an hospitable hearthstone, of which the three sisters, Ann, Maria and Sophia, were the last occupants. Joseph, brother of these sisters, married a Spanish lady; William, married Jane Cook, and Richard S., was forty years ago, the distinguished "Dr. Bryan" of Troy, N. Y.

<sup>2</sup>Elizabeth H. Isaacs married Samuel Lynes, born Feb. 16, 1798, son of Benj. and Sarah (Coley) Lynes, and had: Benj., Joseph, (married Edith, daughter of Geo. and Mary (Russell) Platt of New York, and had Benj., died young); Joseph Isaacs; and Sophia A. (Mrs. E. P. Weed). Mrs. E. P. Weed was the daughter-in-law of John A. Weed of Norwalk. The two Norwalk brothers, John A. and Rev. William B. Weed were sons of Daniel and Martha (Weed) Benedict of New Canaan. The boys were brought up on the edge of the "Bouton Hoyt Pond", a basin of water at the upper end of Five Mile River and fed from said river as it flowed through the valley between Haynes and Brushy Ridges. Daniel Weed's property adjoined that of "Miller Hoyt's" and was the seat of a "quiet habitation". His thoughtful son, John A.,

was for some time an inmate of the Nehemiah Benedict home which stood the first house below the handsome 1896 Dr. Thompson grounds on the west slope of Brushy Ridge. The lad grew to prove a promising young man. He was public school instructor for a time and afterward through acquaintance with Dr. J. A. McLean of Norwalk, became familiar with drugs, and started, prosperously, in that business. He was for many years a reliable and highly honored citizen of the town, in which he married Emeline daughter of Henry Chichester, and had one son, the late Edward P. Weed who married Dec. 19, 1865, Sophia A. daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Hoyt (Isaacs) Lynes and grand-daughter of Benj. Isaacs<sup>3d</sup>. The children of Edward P. and Sophia A. Weed are: Samuel Lynes and Edward Payson. The older of these brothers, Samuel L., married Feb. 24, 1892, Edith, daughter of Edward Street, and had Ralph Lynes, born Oct. 13, 1895, died Apr. 11, 1897.

Rev. William B., born 1811, brother of John A. Weed, took early and naturally to books, and became a clergyman of brilliant mind and fervent zeal, and one whose sermons bore evidence of extensive investigation as well as extraordinary industry. He was for several years pastor of the First Congregational Church, Norwalk, and was held in lofty and loving regard by his people. He married, July 7, 1840, Harriet A. Miller of North Stamford, and had a daughter, who died young, and one son, William.



Joseph Bryan, born Aug. 13, 1807; (died young.)

Benjamin, born June 6, 1809; (went West.)

Ann Terrill,<sup>1</sup> born March 5, 1811.

Isaac Scudder, born Jan. 7, 1813; (went West.)

Sophia Bryan,<sup>2</sup> born June 3, 1815.

William Bryan,<sup>3</sup> born April 10, 1818; (went to Richmond, Va.)

William, born Nov. 5, 1788, son of Isaac Scudder and Susannah Isaacs, married Ann, daughter of Capt. Robert and Sarah Wasson, and had: Alfred, Charles, Susan and Benjamin.

Charles, born June 7, 1795, son of Isaac Scudder and Susannah Isaacs, married Nov. 20, 1815, Rebecca, daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Fitch) Betts, and had: Susan, born May 28, 1819, an only child, who married Dr. Asa Hill.<sup>4</sup>

John, youngest son of Isaac Scudder and Susannah Isaacs, married Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Joseph and Betsey St. John, and had: George Edwin of California, John Milton of Iowa and Marietta (Mrs. David Stow).

Matthias St. John<sup>3d</sup>, (Matthias<sup>2d</sup>, Matthias<sup>1st</sup>) who was about ten years old at the time of the public child-registration in 1672, married Rachel, born Dec. 16, 1667, daughter of John and Abigail (Marvin) Bouton. He had: Matthew, John, Benjamin, Rachel and Matthias<sup>4th</sup>, born 1695. This son, Matthias<sup>4th</sup>, had three children: Catharine, Elizabeth and Hannah. He died in 1732. His children, with the exception of Catharine, (Mrs. Joseph Marvin) were just coming to age when their father's property was apportioned on Dec. 21, 1749. Elizabeth, immediately afterward, married John Abbott, and Hannah married Lemuel, brother of Nehemiah and son of James Rogers<sup>3d</sup>. (See page 162.)

Benjamin, the brother of Matthias<sup>4th</sup>, and son of Matthias<sup>3d</sup>, was designated by said Matthias<sup>3d</sup>, "my loving son Benjamin St. John of Norwalk." The spring of 1728 was about to open and sixty-six winters of the life of Matthias<sup>3d</sup> were closing, when said Matthias gave "the house I now live in" (Earle's hill 1896) to his son Benjamin. This son removed, in 1744, to the vicinity of Comstock's Park, in the north-eastern part of "Canaan Parish." (See page 258.) He had four sons: Matthias, David, Caleb and Ben-

Benjamin, oldest child of Samuel and Elizabeth H. Lynes, married Annette D. Wilkins of Mobile, Ala., and had several children, only one of whom, Elizabeth Marion (Mrs. James W. Sloss) survives. She has three children.

<sup>1</sup>Married first Dr. Benj. Rosseau of Troy, N. Y., (no issue). Married, second, Frederick, son of William<sup>2d</sup> and Esther (Cannon) St. John, and had: Fannie L., who married Dr. William A., son of William S. and Catharine (Hawley) Lockwood, and had children as per note page 293.

<sup>2</sup>Sophia B. Isaacs married George Lockwood of New Rochelle, N. Y., and had Elizabeth (died young); Mary (Mrs. Rufus Zogbaum) and Sophia (Mrs. Henry B. Stokes).

<sup>3</sup>William Bryan Isaacs married Julia, daughter of Dr. Dove of Richmond, Va., and had John D., Wm. B., Frank B. and Annie (Mrs. Dr. Moore of Parkersburgh, West Virginia).

<sup>4</sup>Dr. Asa Hill, a native of Norwalk, in which place he was born Nov. 20, 1815, was a Dr. of Dental Science and a successful practitioner in his profession.



jamin<sup>2d</sup>. His son Matthias<sup>1</sup> married Naomi Weed, and possessed the upper part of "Canoe Hill" district, and his home was on what has since been known as "Ferris Hill". His old moss-draped orchard trees are seen to-day and remind of their proprietor, the great-grandfather of one (Mrs. L. D. Alexander<sup>2</sup> of New York City and New Canaan, Conn.) who is nobly and effectively engaged in a work which has hitherto been only fitfully and fragmentarily performed, that of collecting St. John data, and assorting facts and comparing figures, with the intention of presenting an accurate history of the important family.

David, son of Benj. St. John<sup>1st</sup>, was the father of New Canaan's honored Samuel St. John of "Church Hill". Samuel St. John married the only daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Benedict) Richards of lower Smith's Ridge, (see page 122) and these were the parents of the benevolent Dr. Samuel St. John and his three brothers and one sister: William, Isaac, David and Hannah. The Samuel St. John home was a typical hearthstone. Hannah, the only daughter, was the wife of Rev. Theophilus Smith, and several of the sons were successful Southern business men. (See note page 123.)

Caleb, son of Benj. St. John<sup>1st</sup>, had only one son, Eliphalet, the proprietor of the boys' school, on the south slope of Canoe Hill. Benj. St. John<sup>2d</sup>, brother of Caleb, and son of Benj. St. John<sup>1st</sup>, lived and died in New Canaan.

James (son of Matthias<sup>2d</sup> and grandson of Matthias<sup>1st</sup>) St. John, had a son Daniel, who had Nathan, who was the father of David<sup>1st</sup>, born 1763, who married Mary, born Dec. 17, 1764, daughter of Jonathan<sup>2d</sup> and Mary (Burwell) Camp. David<sup>1st</sup> and Mary (Camp) St. John lived on Seer Hill, in the home, which was occupied later, by their son William

He was one of Norwalk's beneficent citizens, and was appreciated and esteemed by his fellow townsmen. He had one daughter, Rebecca, who married Ira Cole, who has three children, viz.: Lena, Anna and Alice.

<sup>1</sup>This Matthias St. John (son of Benj. St. John<sup>1st</sup>) married, June 28, 1758, Naomi, daughter of Abraham Weed, and had Abraham; Sarah (Mrs. Isaac Keeler, baptized June 15, 1760); Matthias; Esther; Enoch\* (Col.); Benjamin;† Samuel; Anna, born Nov. 13, 1770 (Mrs. Matthew Benedict); John Trowbridge; Nathan; Esther (Mrs. Benj. Bates). Samuel, the sixth child of Matthias and Naomi St. John amassed a large property in the south. He was a bachelor, and his estate was divided between his brothers and sisters and their heirs. His brother, John Trowbridge St. John, died in Walton, N. Y., in 1850, leaving, among other

children, Maria, who married Joseph E. Sheffield of New Haven, the munificent founder of the Scientific School of Yale University.

<sup>2</sup>Mrs. Lawrence D. Alexander is a daughter of Newton and Jane (Pope) St. John of Mobile Ala., and a sister of the late Hon. William P. St. John of political prominence during the last presidential campaign. She is a southern lady, but herself and husband have selected a rare site in the elevated town of New Canaan as a summer seat. Her father, Newton St. John, was son of Nathan, who was son of Matthias and Naomi (Weed) St. John, referred to in the text. In her great work upon the St. John family she has the valuable assistance of Rev. Horace E. Hayden, an able genealogist and historian of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

\*Col. Enoch St. John, born Oct. 14, 1765, lived at the head of Haynes Ridge, later "Elm Corners", now "Owenoke Avenue". The Colonel was a man of presence and bearing, who married first, Sybil Seymour, who lived only a few months. He married second, a Downes; third, a Chapman, and found his fourth partner in Bridgeport. His brother Samuel, the southern cotton broker, who is now referred to on this page, left an annual annuity to his brothers and sisters, decreeing that the principal should be kept intact until the last child of the third following generation should attain the age of twenty-one. Col. Enoch St. John's son Samuel, was engaged in business with his uncle in

the south, where he married. Enoch, Jr., another son of Col. Enoch went to Rochester, N. Y., and Hannah, the Col.'s daughter, married Hanford Davenport, who occupied the Haynes Ridge home, leaving it, at his decease, to the Davenport heirs.

†Benjamin, brother of Col. Enoch St. John, had a farm given him by his father, at the foot of "Ferris Hill", on the present road to the Grupe Reservoir. He had five children. His daughter Catherine, of happy memory, made her home with her uncle Samuel of New Haven, and married Hon. Noah A. Phelps of that city. Colonel Enoch St. John was wont to make horseback trips to and from New Haven.





St. John. Their children were : Jonathan, who went West; David<sup>2d</sup>,<sup>1</sup> who married Nancy Hurd of Monroe, Conn.;<sup>1</sup> Hannah (Mrs. Krozer); Sally (Mrs. Hannon); Mary, (Mrs. Abraham Camp); William, who married Antoinette Betts (see page 90); no children.

The descendant-record of Matthias St. John, Sr., comprises a long roll-call. The second occupant of home-lot xxii bequeathed his blood to a small army, every unit of which host stands descent-debtor to the forefather. It is a satisfaction to know that the large family is to receive deserved attention at the hands of one of its own members, referred to on page 335, the earnest and influential Madame Regent, in 1897, of the Hannah Benedict Chapter, D. A. R., of New Canaan.

#### JOHN PLATT.

Between home-lots xxii and xxiii (see diagram page 39) lay a somewhat surface-diversified tract, which became the ownership of one who, Norwalk-arrived later, by a few years, than the first planters appearance. The "Towne Street" home-lots had been quite disposed of when to John Platt, Sr., the proprietors, in 1660, 1663 and 1672 assigned different portions of the new township. On March 9, 1665-6, Thos. Lupton, of home-lot 27, made a sale to Mr. Platt, and on May 14, 1669, Samuel Hale of home-lot 21 (brother of Thomas Hale of home-lot 17) having removed to Wethersfield, parted with property to Mr. Platt. Thos. Hale died in 1680-81, and John Platt and his brother-in-law, Thomas Fitch, Jr., were appointed by the County Court, administrators of his estate. John Platt, Sr. was married on June 6, 1660, the year of his Norwalk-coming, to Hannah, daughter of "farmer" George Clark of Milford. He was one of the most noted public men in Norwalk history. His deputyship to the "General Court" covered a period of several years. He was appointed in Oct., 1680, a commissioner to view grounds with reference to a new plantation on the north of Stamford, and was one of the parties who laid out Danbury. His children were :

John<sup>2d</sup>, born June 1, 1664.

Josiah<sup>1st</sup>, born Dec. 28, 1667; (died young.).

Samuel<sup>1st</sup>, born Jan. 26, 1670.

Joseph, born Feb. 17, 1672.

Hannah, born Dec. 15, 1674; (Mrs. Marvin.).

Sarah, born May 20, 1678; (Mrs. Samuel Kellogg.)

Mary, born May 1, 1683; (Mrs. Benedict.)

<sup>1</sup>David St. John<sup>2d</sup>. was for a protracted term of years a faithful warden of St. Paul's Church. He resided some three or so miles from the sanctuary, but was constant in his attendance upon public worship. During the later portion of his life he was, with the venerable Mrs. Wm. Jarvis Street, engaged in Sun-

day School work and diligent at his post. On Ash-Wednesday, 1845, a heavy snow-storm was raging, but the Rector of St. Paul's, Rev. William Cooper Mead, D. D., held service, the congregation comprising the Rector's wife, Mr. St. John and the church sexton. The children of David St. John<sup>2d</sup>. died under age.



John Platt<sup>2d</sup>, born 1664, married May, 1695, Sarah, born Nov. 3, 1670, daughter of Ephraim Lockwood. Their children were: Sarah, born Mar. 30, 1697 (Mrs. Nathan Whitney); Elizabeth, born June 11, 1699 (Mrs. Benj. Lyon); John,<sup>3d</sup> born April 2, 1702; Abigail, born Feb. 12, 1707 (Mrs. Samuel Warring); Josiah, born Nov. 6, 1704; and Mary (Mrs. Richard Bouton.) John Platt<sup>2d</sup> died in 1736.

The next child of John Platt<sup>1st</sup>, Josiah, born 1667, probably died early and unmarried, as no mention of him or his is made in his father's will, neither upon any record yet discovered.

Samuel, son of John Platt<sup>1st</sup>, born 1670, married June 18, 1712, Rebecca Benedict, who was daughter of Samuel Benedict of Danbury. One daughter was born to these parents, viz., Rebecca, April 9, 1713. Samuel Platt, the father, died Dec. 4, 1713. Being "very sick," he made his will the day before he died, leaving his estate to his wife and daughter, decreeing that in the event of his daughter's death before having reached eighteen years of age, or in the event of her afterward dying single, her portion should finally fall to his two nephews, John and Josiah, "sons to my brother John Platt", and to "Joseph Platt, my brother Joseph Platt's son," which will was probated Dec. 15, 1713.

Joseph Platt, "ye worshipful Joseph Platt, Esq.," born 1672, the youngest son of John<sup>1st</sup> and Hannah<sup>Claek</sup> Platt, had a grant by the town, in 1700, of the fine France Street lot, now the property of Thomas C. Cornwall. He married, first, Nov. 6, 1700, Elizabeth, daughter of Matthew<sup>2d</sup> and Elizabeth Marvin, and had Elizabeth,<sup>1</sup> born Dec. 2, 1701. The first Mrs. Joseph Platt<sup>1st</sup> died April 9, 1703, and her husband married, second, Jan. 26, 1704, Hannah, daughter of Rev. Thomas Hanford. There were two children by this union, Hannah, born Oct. 30, 1704, and Joseph<sup>2d</sup>, born Sept. 9, 1706. Joseph<sup>2d</sup> (Hon.) was a Yale man, class of 1733. He married Hannah, daughter by his third wife, of Zechariah Whitman. His children (six) were all daughters, and the corner France Street home sent forth well-known Norwalk mothers. Elizabeth, the oldest daughter, married Samuel Fitch<sup>2d</sup>, son of Samuel<sup>1st</sup> and Susannah Fitch. Mary, the next daughter, married Jedediah Hanford; Esther married Timothy, son of Gov. Fitch, and lived opposite the present Gray Mineral Water works in East Norwalk; Ann became the wife of Stephen Thatcher; Susannah married Daniel Hanford, father of Selectman Joseph Platt Hanford, formerly of Strawberry Hill, (see notes page 139 and page 143), and Hannah married an Avery.

Josiah, son of John<sup>2d</sup> and Sarah (Lockwood) Platt, had a daughter Abigail, who married, Aug. 1, 1753, Jabez Saunders, who had Thomas<sup>1st</sup>, born Dec. 28, 1758, who married, Sept. 20, 1789, Ann Blatchley, and had Thomas<sup>2d</sup>, born Dec. 11, 1790; Platt, born March 13, 1793; Lydia, born Apr. 16, 1796 and Betsey ("Aunt Betsey" Saunders<sup>2</sup> of 1896), born March 11, 1799.

<sup>1</sup>She married, for his third wife, Rev. Samuel Cook (see page 201).

<sup>2</sup>This woman is an object of interest because of

her extreme age. She is, in 1896, ninety-seven years old. The Blatchley's lived in the vicinity of the present Saugatuck station of the Consolidated road.





John Platt<sup>3d</sup>, son of John<sup>2d</sup>, married Sarah Hickox (see page 234),<sup>1</sup> and had John<sup>4th</sup>, born Mar. 20, 1736, who married Sept. 3, 1758, Charity Morehouse, from which union descend the so-known "Silver Mine" Platts.<sup>2</sup>

Samuel<sup>2d</sup>, son of John<sup>3d</sup> and Sarah (Hickox) Platt, married, March 2, 1757, Ann, daughter of Jabez Raymond, and had:

Justus<sup>1st</sup>, born Dec. 4, 1757.

Justus<sup>2d</sup>, born Sept. 10, 1768.

Jabez, born Nov. 22, 1761; (died young.) Hannah, born May 24, 1771; (unmarried.)

Esther, born Aug. 11, 1763; (Mrs. I. Hyatt.) Betty, born Nov. 27, 1773.

Joseph, born June 25, 1765.

John, born Dec. 17, 1777.

Ann, born Feb. 6, 1781, (Mrs. John Sturges.)

"Aunt Betsey" was an early inmate of the Newkirk family, the seat of which household was where Noah Bradley has, in more recent years, resided. This beautiful water-view home now belongs to the Eno family. It has had a succession of well-known tenants—the Newkirks, Ketchums, Sillimans, Judahs and Bradleys have all found it a goodly spot. It was, in pre-English times, an Indian haunt, evidently. The Norwalk pioneers recognized this fact, and gave the name of a prominent red ruler to its neighborhood. It is to be presumed that the Ludlow covenant of 1640 was made not far from its spray-sprinkled shore. A handsome portrait of one of its early admirers adorns Greenfield Hill walls, and in the care now bestowed the home and its environments, is exhibited a taste befitting the felicitous situation.

<sup>1</sup>The New Haven records read "John Platt of Norwalk and Mrs. Mary Smith were married Nov. 20, 1722." This may have been an early marriage, followed by early decease, of John Platt<sup>3rd</sup>, son of John<sup>2d</sup>.

<sup>2</sup>The cradle of the Platt's of Silver Mine, is the (1896) yellow painted building called the "Marvin-Raymond" house (last house, on the west side of the street, before is reached the turns in the Silver Mine road, one toward New Canaan and the other in the direction of Winnipauk.) This house was built in the day of John Platt<sup>3d</sup>, born in 1702, and probably by the same John<sup>3d</sup>.

John<sup>4th</sup>, son of John Platt<sup>3d</sup>, married, as stated in the text, Charity Morehouse. Both parents rest in St. Paul's churchyard. The husband, John Platt<sup>4th</sup>, was the "master carpenter" employed in the building of the St. Paul's Church which was taken down in 1841.

John Platt<sup>4th</sup>, had two sons, Joseph and Jonathan, and five daughters—Sarah, Hannah, Anna, Susan and Esther. Of these daughters, Sarah was the mother

of Nathan Beers, whose son Frank now occupies the Beers (formerly Sherman) house in Main Street, (see plate, page 129) and the husbands of the others were named Nash, Richards, Glover and Mix.

Joseph, son of John<sup>4th</sup> and Charity Platt, born 1774-5, was the next older child than Jonathan, the youngest. Joseph married, first, March 7, 1800, Nancy McAllister of Troy, N. Y., and had:

Alfred M., born Oct. 6, 1800.

Jonathan<sup>2d</sup>, born Sept. 11, 1803.

Laura, born Jan. 21, 1806 (Mrs. Lemuel Bronson).

Esther Sally, born Mar. 21, 1808 (died young).

Joseph, born July 8, 1811.

Nancy Jane, born Nov. 10, 1813 (died young).

Charles, born Mch. 15, 1816 (died young).

Esther, born Sept. 7, 1818 (died young).

Susanna, born Feb. 19, 1821 (Mrs. Samuel Beers).

Emily C., born Dec. 17, 1825 (Mrs. Levi Brown).

Chauncey Cook, born Dec. 20, 1827.

Minerva, born June 28, 1832 (Mrs. John

Wesley Dickens).

Joseph Platt, father of the immediately foregoing children, was familiarly called "Governor". He married, second, Oct. 1, 1837, Mrs. Olive Gregory.

Alfred M., son of Joseph and Nancy Platt, married Hannah Smith of West Norwalk, and had: Giles (married Mary Couch); Amanda (Mrs. Samuel Comstock); Cornelius (married Caroline, daughter of John Quigley, and had Charles); Sarah (Mrs. Royal Miller); Martha (Mrs. Joseph Gilbert); Ann Elizabeth (Mrs. John Lambert\*); Mary Jane (Mrs. Sydney Guthrie); Frederick M. (unmarried); LeGrand (died young).

Jonathan<sup>2d</sup>, son of Joseph and Nancy Platt, married, Apr. 6, 1828, Laura Parmely, daughter of Wm. and Esther (Squires) Taylor of Wilton, and had: David M., born Jan. 2, 1830; Augustus, born Dec. 10, 1831; Mary E. (Mrs. Wm. H. Holly),† born June 6, 1834; John Henry, born Sept. 13, 1837; Harriet L.

\*John and Ann E. Lambert had one child, Carrie, who married Geo. F. Lockwood, and had Ellsworth and Mary Jane.

†The children of Wm. H. and Mary E. Holly were: Wm.

Henry, died young; Orris Starr, died young; Mary G., (Mrs. Arthur T. Evans); Jennie F., (Mrs. Edward B. Butler); Chas., died young; Estelle, died young.



## A NORWALK ANCESTOR STORY.

Richard Platt and Mary his wife, accompanied by their Anglican children—Mary, John, Isaac and Sarah—landed from the Old World in 1638, in New Haven. Somewhat after the family's arrival in the Elm City of to-day, a project for founding a settlement at Milford was agitated, and the Platt's anon thither removed. John, the oldest son, and the future Norwalk Platt forefather, became of age in Milford, and there selected his bride, Hannah, daughter of George and Sarah Clark, one of the old Milford families. On June 6, 1660, magistrate Treat was called upon to unite John and Hannah in wedlock. They now came to Norwalk, and choosing for a home-lot a site on the old Fairfield path, settled down to life's duties. The father's namesake son, John<sup>2d</sup>, married Sarah, daughter of Ephraim Lockwood. The fruit of this Platt-Lockwood union was a son, John Platt<sup>3d</sup>; five and one-half years after whose nativity occurred that of his future bride (see note page 234). Sarah, daughter of Samuel, Jr., and grand-daughter of Sergt. Samuel and Elizabeth (Plumb) Hickox of Waterbury. John and Sarah Platt had a daughter Sarah, who married Joseph Betts (born March 29, 1717, son of John, who was son of Thos. Jr., son of Thos. Sr.), of Norwalk, to whom were born Anna (Dec. 5, 1748); Justus (Sept. 20, 1749); Moses (Nov. 22, 1754); Aaron (Apr. 23, 1757); Platt (died unmarried); Susanna.

Joseph Betts died May 19, 1760, and his widow, Sarah, married Feb. 1764, Stephen, Sr., son of Moses and Mercy St. John, who had Stephen, Jr., born Oct. 9, 1772, who married Jan. 4, 1797, Sarah, born Dec. 22, 1777, daughter of Moses<sup>1</sup> and Ann (Sturges) Betts, and had :

(Mrs. Geo. M. Quigley), born Oct. 3, 1839; Frances Jane (Mrs. Geo. Burr Williams), born Nov. 25, 1884.

Joseph, son of Joseph and Nancy Platt, married Nov. 30, 1834, Clarinda Olmstead of Wilton, and had : Geo. M., born Dec. 11, 1835 (married Frances Brown); Almira (Mrs. Augustus B. Brown), born Dec'r. 22, 1840; Joseph E., born Sept. 1, 1844; Frances Adelaide, born Oct. 18, 1847 (Mrs. John Loudon).

Chauncey Cook, son of Joseph and Nancy Platt, married Louisa Davinson, and had : Chauncey L.; Maria; Joseph Edward, (died young).

David M., son of Jonathan<sup>2d</sup>. and Laura P. Platt married, first, Dec. 23, 1849, Jane Elizabeth McGrand, and had Geo. A., died young; Isabel Jane, died young; Charles A., died young. David M. Platt married, second, Jan. 25, 1858, Mrs. Esther Polly McCormick, and had no issue. He married, third, Oct. 27, 1863, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Rood (daughter of Henry Smith), and had : Homer Edward, born Apr. 10, 1867, died young.

Augustus, son of Jonathan<sup>2d</sup>. and Laura P. Platt married Sept. 27, 1858, Isabelle Hoyt, and had : Emma (Mrs. Franklin Austin); Clara Bell (died young); Charles Augustus, who married Susan Worden.

John Henry, son of Jonathan<sup>2d</sup>. and Laura P. Platt married Jan. 1, 1863, Mrs. Clarissa Mary Clark of Wilton. No issue.

The living children of Chauncey L. (son of Chauncey C.) and Gertrude Platt are : Carrie and Harry.

Harriet L., daughter of Jonathan<sup>2d</sup>. and Laura P. Platt married, Jan. 14, 1865, as his second wife, Geo. Mortimer, son of Adam and Betsey (Slauson) Quigley, and had : John William, born May 22, 1867, died Sept. 23, 1867; Homer Platt, born June 23, 1872, unmarried. Geo. M. Quigley had, by his first wife, Ann Palmer, one child, Charlotte Estelle, born July 25, 1862.

<sup>1</sup>Moses Betts, born Apr. 5, 1751, son of Elias and Abigail (Birchard) Betts, married Mar. 7, 1776, Ann, born Mar. 18, 1755, daughter of Gershom and Mary Sturges. Gershom Sturges, born 1731, was a son of Jeremiah and Ann (Barlow) Sturges. Jeremiah Sturges seems to have been a son of John and Sarah (Beers) Sturges, and his wife Ann, to have been a daughter of John Barlow<sup>3d</sup>, who was a son of John<sup>2d</sup>. and Abigail (Lockwood) Barlow, who was a son of John Barlow, the Fairfield settler. John Sturges<sup>2d</sup>, who married Sarah Beers, was a son of John Sturges<sup>1st</sup>, the Fairfield Sturges father.



Caroline, born June 8, 1800. (Married Henry Chichester).  
 Edward B., born Dec. 4, 1801.  
 Alanson Platt, born Aug. 20, 1803.  
 Jessup R., born Sept. 7, 1805.  
 Sally A., born Oct. 30, 1807. (Married Thomas B. Merrill).  
 Moses B., born Dec. 19, 1809.  
 Charles G., born Dec. 2, 1811.  
 Harriet H., born Sept. 28, 1813. (Died in infancy).  
 Henrietta, born Sept. 28, 1813. (Died in infancy).  
 Hiram, born Dec. 22, 1814.  
 Catherine, born July 1, 1816. (Married Lawrence M. Stevens).  
 Harriet E., born Sept. 20, 1818. (Married Gould D. Jennings).

#### HOME-LOT XXIII.

THOMAS BARNUM, SR.

This Norwalk settler's rank appears, in the particular of distinguished descent, to have been of "crown jewel" designation. It is believed that he was the father of all the Barnums in America, and that the old Barnum well, still in Norwalk existence, is a "high family" shrine.

While the author insists upon a strict interpretation of the pedigree "preface" found on page 81, still the searching investigation which has been made in relation to the foreign antecedents of the occupant of home-lot xxiii, supplemented by the close study of his early New England association, justifies reference to the claim that Thomas Barnum, or Barnham, Sr., of the Norwalk allotment under consideration, sprang from (son or grandson of) Sir Martin and Judith (Calthorpe) Barnham; that his mother or grandmother was the daughter of Sir Martin Calthorpe, Lord Mayor of London; that Sir Francis Barnham, Knight of Hollingbourne, was either his step-brother or own uncle, and that the wife of Francis Bacon (Lord Bacon), Great Lord Chancellor and Viscount was, if not his first, yet at least, his second cousin.

The question as to what brought this supposed-to-be offspring of a "Lord of many Manors" to America, is likely to remain an open one. He is Norwalk-introduced as a capturer of "wolves", and in drawing the attention of the town authorities to the matter. He appears here to have holden no special public position other than that he was one of the founders of Danbury. He had town "grants" of different dates, and held a "commonage estate". In 1681 he was chosen by the settlers (whose "select emigration"-ideas were limited only to character-qualification, and who expected every colonist to be in some





sort "of service") as a disciplinarian, during the hours of Divine worship,' which fact is calculated to deepen the impression that the precise generation of Thomas<sup>1st</sup> from Sir Martin Barnham is second rather than first. Had Thomas Barnum, Sr. been the son of Sir Martin,<sup>2</sup> as appears clear from the British register of the family, he would have been at least seventy-two years of age when the Norwalk folk elected him director of the young people's sanctuary manners. This, however, is quite immaterial. Whether the busy Barnum or Barnham of early Norwalk days was Sir Martin's adventurous son or grandson, the descent, in either case, is notable.

Thomas Barnum, Sr. is found, in 1663, in Norwalk. He was then a married man, as his son, Thomas<sup>2d</sup>, was born July 9 that same year. His Norwalk life covered a period of about twenty-one years, during which time his ten children were born. There seems to have been a brief Norwalk residence-blank during these years, and a transient Fairfield tenancy, the explanation of which, probably, is that owning land which was claimed by both towns, he may have deemed it advisable to temporarily occupy the disputed territory. His homestead, however, (foot of Strawberry Hill) was kept intact and retained by him until after his removal, in 1684, to Danbury. The children of Thomas Barnum, Sr., were Thomas<sup>2d</sup>, Francis, Richard, John, Ebenezer, Hannah and four other daughters. The family disappeared from Norwalk after the settlement of Danbury.

## OF THOMAS BARNUM, SR. DESCENT.

Gen. I.—Thomas Barnum, Sr.

" II.—Thomas<sup>2d</sup> and Sarah (Beardsley) Barnum.

" III.—Ephraim<sup>1st</sup> and Mehitable Barnum.

" IV.—Ephraim<sup>2d</sup> and Keziah (Covill) Barnum.

" V.—Joseph Barnum<sup>1st</sup>,<sup>3</sup> born Aug. 14, 1761, who had :

<sup>1</sup>Town Records 1681.—"Thomas Barnum was chosen and appoynted, for to oversee and to keep good Decorum amongst the youth in times of exercise on the Sabbath and other Publique meetings; and the Town doe impower him if he see any disorderly, for to keep a small stick to correct such with; oneley he is Desired to doe it with clemency; and if any are incoridgable in such disorder, he is to present them either to their parents or masters; and if they do not reclaime them, then to present such to authority."

<sup>2</sup>The alabaster monument of Sir Martin Barnham, which stands in All Saints Church, Hollingbourne Hill, England, is thus inscribed:

"Sacred to the memory of

SIR MARTIN BARNHAM,

Sprung from the old Southampton family of Barnhams,

who married Ursula, daughter of Robert Rudstone, of Bouton, Nonchelsey, and had two daughters and one son. On her death he married Judith, the daughter of Sir Martin Calthorpe, Lord Mayor of London, by whom he had five sons and five daughters.\* He was a man on every side of gentle birth, most happy in the extreme piety of his life and death alike; on whom God of the boundless riches of His mercy poured (piled upon him) of this world's gifts of nature, Grace and Honor, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over. He died 12th December, 1610, aged 60 years."

<sup>3</sup>Joseph Barnum was half-brother of Philo Barnum, born Apr. 4, 1778, who was the father of Hon. P. T. Barnum of Bridgeport, born July 5, 1810.

\* There is a discrepancy between the monument and the family records as to the number of children by Sir Martin Barnham's second wife. The author of this work has valuable Barnum data, collected from different sources, and believed

to be highly accurate. He is, however, unable to positively state whether the first Thomas Barnum of Norwalk was the next—or the next but one—generation from Sir Martin Barnham of Hollingbourne Hill, England.



(Gen. VI.) Noah Starr Barnum (Deacon) of Norwalk.

Noah S. Barnum came from Bethel to Norwalk, and here married Amelia, born Apr. 17, 1796, daughter of John<sup>1</sup> and Sally (Hoyt) Raymond of "Old Well". Mr. and Mrs. Barnum established their first home at the head of "Federal Hollow", in front of the present home, on North Avenue, of the late W. B. E. Lockwood. They then removed to the building on the southeast corner of the Timothy Merwin (North Avenue and France Street) property. In the rear of this building stood, at one time, a hat manufactory, and Noah S. Barnum, Stephen Smith and Samuel Randall were its proprietors. Prosperity rewarded Deacon Barnum's efforts, and he purchased, from the Cameron estate, and occupied the large building, known thereafter as the Noah S. Barnum home, on North Avenue, at the foot of the hill which connects Jarvis Hill with the Avenue referred to. The only child of Noah S. and Amelia Barnum was:

George Hoyt, born Jan. 5, 1820.

Geo. H., son of Noah S. and Amelia Barnum, married, May 30, 1844, Susan Jane, daughter of James W. and Laura (Gray) Hyatt,<sup>2</sup> and had:

Noah Starr,

Charles Hyatt; (died young).

George Raymond.

Noah Starr, son of Geo. H. and Susan J. Barnum, married, Jan. 5, 1871, Elizabeth E., daughter of Thomas and Hannah Wheen of New York, and had: Amelia; Charles Hyatt; Geo. Hoyt and Percy Lee.

<sup>1</sup>John Raymond was son of Benj.<sup>2d</sup> (and Abby Cole) Raymond, who was son of Benj.<sup>1st</sup> (and Rebecca) Raymond, who was son of Thomas, (and Sarah Andrews) Raymond, who was son of John<sup>1st</sup> and Mary (Betts) Raymond of Norwalk.

<sup>2</sup>Jas. W. Hyatt, a citizen of industry and integrity, was the second son of John and Jane (White) Hyatt of Norwalk. His brother and sisters were John W. Hyatt, who married Cornelia Burbridge of N. Y.; Jane (Mrs. Joseph Corker); Delia, and Angeline (Mrs. John Brown).

James W. Hyatt married Laura Gray of Wilton and had: Susan Jane (Mrs. Geo. H. Barnum); Delia Louise, died young; Charles Edwin (married Jan. 17, 1855, Priscilla Westerfield, and had Charles, died young; William Westerfield); Joseph Le Grand, died young; James William (Hon.); Stiles Gray; Franklin Thomas; Louisa Amelia; Geo. Gilbert.

Hon. James W. Hyatt, son of James W. and Laura, rose from a bright and intelligent Norwalk school lad of nearly fifty years ago, to the high distinction of Treasurer of the United States. He was a prompt and vigorous man of affairs, and a warm natured, helpful citizen. He married, Dec. 26, 1860,

Jane Maria, daughter of Geo. and Lucy (Allen) Hoyt, and had: John Kimmey; Jane Maria (married Charles E., son of William Church of Norwalk, and had one child, born Sept. 3, 1898); Harry Munsell; Sarah Flower.

Stiles Gray, son of Jas. W. and Laura Hyatt, married Nov. 9, 1865, Antoinette Lawrence of South Norwalk, and had: James William; Florence; Hattie Gray; Nellie May.

Franklin Thomas (Dr.), son of James W. and Laura Hyatt, married, first, Dec. 25, 1872, Isabelle, daughter of Francis Brady, and had three children. The oldest died young, and the two others are Helen and Isabelle. Dr. F. T. Hyatt married, second, Mar. 8, 1881, Mary L. Osborn; no children. His sister Louise Amelia married Stephen Brady (had Laura Gray and Frederick. Laura G. married William Palmer and had one child, Adele Hyatt. Frederick married Millicent Houghton).

George Elbert, youngest child of James W. and Laura Hyatt, married, first, Oct. 24, 1884, Emma Ab-dell of Virginia. There were no children by this marriage. He married second, and had one child, viz.: Norma.





Geo. Raymond, son of Geo. H. and Susan J. Barnum, married, Nov. 18, 1888, Georgia Dorothea, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Weed. No issue.

## BARNUM BLOOD.

Francis, son of Thomas Barnum<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk, married Deborah, born Dec. 28, 1679, daughter of John and Mary (Lindall) Hoyt, (see page 121). These had a son Nathan, who married Rebecca, born July, 1708, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Benedict) Lockwood (see page 290), and grand-daughter of Ephraim Lockwood, the settler. Mrs. Nathan Barnum spent her girlhood in the meadows which afterward became the home of Ralph Isaacs (Morgan Avenue, 1896). Nathan and Rebecca Barnum had David, born in Danbury, March 30, 1733, who married, July 13, 1756, Anna Towner of New Fairfield, Conn. These had a son, Samuel Towner Barnum, born Nov. 18, 1769, who married, Dec. 15, 1791, Alice, daughter of Eliakim Nash.<sup>1</sup> Samuel T. and Alice Barnum had only two children, twins, David and Betsey, born Apr. 27, 1794 (see note page 108). Betsey Barnum married Amzi Rogers, and the wedded two were the parents of the painstaking genealogy student, Theodore D. Rogers of Strawberry Hill (1896), Norwalk.

Eunice Barnum, daughter of Matthew<sup>2d</sup>, (Matthew<sup>1st</sup>, Ephraim, Thomas<sup>2d</sup>, Thos.<sup>1st</sup>) and sister of Samuel (who was father of Rev. Henry S. Barnum of Constantinople) married William Green<sup>2d</sup> (son of William)<sup>2</sup> of Wilton parish, and had :

<sup>1</sup>Eliakim Nash, who married Elizabeth Whitlock, June 13, 1770, was the son of Ebenezer<sup>1st</sup> and Sarah (Gregory) Nash. Said Ebenezer<sup>1st</sup> belonged to a large family of brothers and sisters. His father was a grandson of Edward Nash the settler, and his mother was a gr.-daughter of Thos. Lupton of New Haven and Norwalk. His brother Edward was a genius whose inventive faculty was remarkable, and his sister Abigail, Mrs. Moses Beers, was a woman of olden school wit. The perpetuation of the odd designation of "Squash Hollow" is probably due to her sense of humor, albeit she little dreamed, possibly, that her playful promptings concerning a neighbor's fondness for the succulent mentioned would attain to such immortality. Micajah, another brother of Ebenezer<sup>1st</sup> and of Abigail, and Mary (Mrs. Wm. Reed), was an old chorister of St. Paul's Church. Ebenezer Nash<sup>1st</sup> was thrice married. The names of his wives were: Phoebe Olmstead, Martha Smith and Sarah Gregory. The last, who appears to have been some years older than himself, was the daughter of Thomas Gregory, a grandson of John Gregory the settler. By her he had three sons, Eliakim, Azor and Ebenezer, Jr., the first named of the trio being the father of Alice, who married Samuel T. Barnum of New Fairfield, Conn., (see page 108).

<sup>2</sup>The history of the Norwalk Green family is interestingly intricate. The oldest of this town's Green hearthstones was that of Jacob and Elizabeth (Reed)

Green. John Reed<sup>2d</sup>, son of John Reed<sup>1st</sup>, whose granite monument stands, all alone, in the rear yard of the present storied Rowayton home of Samuel Richards Weed, married, March 28, 1687, Elizabeth, daughter of John Tuttle of New Haven. John<sup>2d</sup> and Elizabeth Reed had a daughter, Elizabeth, who married Jacob Green and had, Elijah, Eleazer, Ashael and Elizabeth. The boys seem to Norwalk-disappear, eventually becoming, evidently, Stamford citizens.

John Green of Fairfield (1662) owned a good slice of what now bears his name and is known as "Greens Farms". He died about 1703, leaving John<sup>2d</sup>, who (see Schenck) left Fairfield and was of uncertain whereabouts. A John Green, however ("late deceased" in 1758), has Norwalk record. This John Green had a "son Ebenezer of Fairfield" and (see Norwalk land records) sons Joseph and William of Norwalk.

It is a tradition that William (father of William Green<sup>2d</sup>, who married Eunice Barnum) came from Rhode Island. If the supposition be correct, there was probably no relationship between said William and William, brother of Ebenezer, of Fairfield. The lack of family registry upon this point adds to the difficulty of connecting the links in the Norwalk Green-pedigree chain.

The father of William Green<sup>2d</sup>, married Hulda Squires. He lived in Weston, and had: Thaddeus, Stiles P. and William<sup>2d</sup>. Thaddeus was unmarried. He seems to have led a busy life, but was somewhat



Lewis, born April 16, 1813, (unmarried).

Stephen, born May 23, 1815.

William Henry, born July 3, 1817, (died young).

Charles, born July 24, 1819, (married Mary A. Dudley).

Matthew Starr, born Jan. 23, 1821, (married Betsey Ann Northup).

Hiram, born June 15, 1823.

Ammon, born Aug. 8, 1824, (settled in Bethel).

Robert Gregory, born Dec. 8, 1826.

Mary Ann, born Jan. 5, 1830.

Erastus, born May 5, 1831.

Margaret, born March 27, 1833.

Platt, born Dec. 30, 1834, (died young).

John J., born July 12, 1838.

migratory. Stiles P., born March 28, 1789, married, Nov. 20, 1814, Nancy Inglis, born Nov. 28, 1794, and had: George, born Mar. 31, 1822; Mary, born Dec. 23, 1825, died young; Hudson I., born June 26, 1827, married Julia A. McGill (no children); Marcellus, born Feb. 25, 1832; Rachel I., born Feb. 17, 1834, died young.

George, son of Stiles P. Green, married, August 1854, Martha Ann, daughter of Clark and Amanda (Adams) Grumman, and had: Charles (married Jane Foote); Georgiana (died young); Esther (unmarried).

Marcellus, son of Stiles P. Green, married, Feb. 21, 1854, Susan Frances, daughter of Harry and Betsey Partrick, and had: Frank, married, first, a Bedient, and second, Amber Gregory; Elizabeth, married Henry Bennett of Westport.

William Green<sup>2d</sup>, born Aug. 31, 1791, youngest son of William<sup>1st</sup> and Hulda Green, married, Dec. 15, 1811, Eunice, born Nov. 11, 1794, daughter of Matthew and Rhoda (Starr) Barnum. He was a business man, and carried on a large hat manufacturing establishment in Wilton (Hurlbutt Street). The force employed by Mr. Green constituted something of a local

settlement, and when the large market-wagons from the northern section of the county, piled with tubs of butter and boxes of cheese, and later in the season, with country beef and pork, were driven to the Wilton street, and their owner disposed of his produce to Mr. Green's journeymen, and took back to the Sherman and New Fairfield districts wallets lined with the bank notes advanced by Mr. Green on account of his men, there was gained something of an idea of the plant's monied help to the community.

Stephen, second son of William<sup>2d</sup> and Eunice Green, married Dec. 9, 1832, Orilla, daughter of Jabez and Betsey Sturges of Wilton, and had: Alfred, born April 26, 1834, died young; Caroline, born Dec. 19, 1837, died young; Eunice, born Apr. 17, 1844.

Hiram son of William<sup>2d</sup> and Eunice Green\* married Dec. 29, 1850, Adeline, daughter of Lewis F. Grumman, as per page 92.

Robert G. Green married, Dec. 23, 1847, Cynthia, born Oct. 29, 1826, daughter of Giles and Elothia (Scribner) Gregory, and had, Henry, born May 1, 1849, who married Dec. 8, 1870, Cornelia Lounsbery.

\*Eunice, daughter of Stephen and Orilla Green married Oct. 6, 1861, Bradley S., born Sept. 27, 1837, son of Samuel and Harriet (Sturges) Keith, and had: Simeon Royal, born May 18, 1866; Ida May, born Oct. 24, 1870; Charles Edward, born June 4, 1872; Harriet Louise, born Sept. 20, 1881.

John Green of Norwalk, 1750 (possibly John Green<sup>2d</sup> of Fairfield—see Schenck's History of Fairfield) had sons Ebenezer, Joseph, Hezekiah and William. **Joseph married, May 15, 1746, Sarah Beers.** There are several Wilton-Green marriage records at this period. The author, barring the Rhode Island William Green tradition, ventures the strong suspicion that William Green 1st, of Weston, father of William Green 2d, of Wilton, was of the John Green of "Greens Farms" line.

**John and Anthony Beers appear in Norwalk in 1723 and 1725.** They were, very possibly, grandsons of James 1st. and Anthony 1st. of Fairfield, who are supposed, by Cothren, to have

been sons of **Capt. Richard Beers of Watertown, Mass., who was killed in King Philip's war.** John Beers 1st. of Norwalk, married Martha, daughter of David Munroe, and had Sarah, who married Joseph Green, and John (Dr. John of Greenwich), and Samuel. Anthony 1st. of Norwalk lived at "Old Hill" (Westport 1866, not distant from the old Fairfield line). His children were: Anthony, Elnathan, Nathan 1st., Moses, Olive (Mrs. Richard Partrick), Mary (Mrs. Nathan Bennett), **Rebecca (Mrs. Elijah Morehouse)**, Elizabeth (Mrs. Eliphalet Slawson), and perhaps others.

Nathan 1st., son of Anthony Beers, married Lydia, daughter of Rev. Thos. Hawley of Ridgefield (see page 266) and had Nathan 2d., born Sept. 8, 1745. He was unmarried, and was a business partner at one time of Peter Lockwood. Nathan 1st. and Lydia Beers had also Ezekiel, born Mar. 9, 1758, who married Sarah Platt, and had Nathan 3d., who married Esther, daugh-



*HOME-LOT XXIV.*

STEPHEN BECKWITH.

Stephen Beckwith seems to have come, a mere lad, to America. He found his way, with the settlers, to Norwalk, and John Gregory, Sr., assigned to him property. He appears to have been useful, and to have founded a family. He has Norwalk record down to the going out of the seventeenth century.

*HOME-LOT XXV.*

MATTHIAS ST. JOHN.

The St. Johns have mention in connection with the description of home-lots iii and xxii. (See pages 93 and 334 to 336).

*HOME-LOT XXVI.*GEORGE ABBOTT.<sup>1</sup>

George Abbott, Sr. of Norwalk appeared in Windsor in 1640. He had there been somewhat indiscreet, probably, in that he sold ammunition to the red men. This was a serious colonial offence, and he was fined £5 for his imprudence. He afterward (1647-8) went to Hartford, where he fell into some trouble, but he found his way to Norwalk, where he has mention in 1655. His home-lot was not on the "Towne Street", but comprised a territory-slice just north of the present LeCount home in East Norwalk. He was twice married, and his children were by the first wife, who is unknown. The family was thus made up :

John <sup>1st</sup> .	Mary, (Mrs. Jackson).
Dorothy, (Mrs. Darius Root).	Jonathan <sup>1st</sup> .
Priscilla, (Mrs. Slauson).	George <sup>2d</sup> , (born 1669).
Daniel, (born 1672).	

The second Mrs. George Abbott<sup>1st</sup> was a Mrs. Johanna Williamson of Boston. There were three Williamson children—James, Elizabeth and Sarah. George Abbott<sup>1st</sup>, died in 1689.

<sup>1</sup>Geo. Abbott<sup>1st</sup>. of Norwalk, has Windsor, 1640, mention as "servant". This signifies, possibly, that he was an "indenture" emigrant; that he came, that is, to this country, at another's charge, in acknowledgment of which he bound himself to service, as an artisan or otherwise, for a definite period. The

Orchard family of Darien has in its possession an ancient document of interest in this direction.

When younger George Abbott (before he came to Norwalk) became, in some way, fire-arms implicated. Guns rose afterward, in the colonies, to the dignity designation of "King's arms".

ter of Joseph and Betsey (Nash) St. John, and had Mary (Mrs. Chas. Day); Charles; Nathan (died unmarried); George (married Eliza, daughter of Charles and Chary Olmstead); Edwin F. (married Mary Esther, daughter of Charles and Chary Olmstead); Elizabeth (died young); Frank (married, first, Julia F.

Allen, and second, Susan E. Scofield; no children). Edwin F. and Mary Esther (Olmstead) Beers had Elizabeth; Ida (Mrs. George Albert Smith; Edalena (Mrs. Edward Ernest Bossa).

The grand-children of Edwin F. and Mary Esther Beers are Reginald Lincoln Smith and Madeline Esther Bossa.





John<sup>1st</sup> married Ruth, daughter of John Rusco<sup>1st</sup>. This gave the Abbotts rather a wide connection. The children of John<sup>1st</sup> and Ruth Abbott, were : John<sup>2d</sup>; Esther (Mrs. Ebenezer Jackson); Mary (Mrs. Joseph Scribner).

Jonathan<sup>1st</sup>, the second son, married, June 5, 1696, Sarah, daughter of Lieut. John and Mary (Benedict) Olmsted, and grand-daughter of Richard Olmsted, the settler, and had Jonathan<sup>2d</sup>, born April 6, 1697, who went to Ridgefield; Mary; Lemuel; Sarah; Deborah; Jane; Eunice; Keziah; Mindwell.

The children of George<sup>2d</sup> and Hannah Abbott were : George<sup>3d</sup>; Ebenezer; Jemima; Benjamin (went to Woodbury); Samuel; Hannah (Mrs. William Pearson); Rebecca; Israel (went to Middletown); Elizabeth; Dorcas (Mrs. Beers); Daniel<sup>2d</sup>.

Daniel was the youngest son of George Abbott<sup>1st</sup>.

The descendants of Geo. Abbott<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk are many, and can, without great difficulty, be followed down through successive generations. The first two sons named in the will of the founder of the family are John<sup>1st</sup> and Jonathan<sup>1st</sup>, the issue from whom is distinctly traced to this day. John<sup>1st</sup>, who married Ruth Rusco, the young Huguenot, was a wheelwright. His son, John<sup>2d</sup>, married Eunice Judd of Farmington, and had John<sup>3d</sup>, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Matthias St. John and sister of Mrs. Joseph Marvin and Mrs. Lemuel Rogers. John<sup>3d</sup> and Elizabeth Abbott had a son Stephen, born 1761, who married, Mar. 7, 1780, Ruth James, and had Cynthia, born July 2, 1788, who married, in 1811, David Comstock of Comstock Hill, lower Silver Mine, and had Sarah, born 1812, now the venerable widow of Samuel Comstock of the handsome New Canaan Samuel Comstock farm (see page 257).

The descent from Jonathan<sup>1st</sup>, son of George Abbott<sup>1st</sup>, is also distinctly followed down. Jonathan<sup>1st</sup> and Sarah (Olmsted) Abbott had Jonathan<sup>2d</sup>, born April 6, 1697, who married Jan. 16, 1729, Lydia Young of Branford, and had Jonathan<sup>3d</sup>, who married, Apr. 18, 1765, Jemima, daughter of James Rusco, and had Jonathan<sup>4th</sup>, born April 14, 1770, whose children by his first wife were Harvey, Hazor and Cynthia. He married, second, Polly Olmstead of Pound Ridge (the mother of Lucy Ann—Mrs. Amos N. Raymond) and had, by his Olmstead wife, Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. Edward DeForest); Nathan B.; Eliza; Lydia Ann; and Charles Riley.<sup>1</sup>

Jemima, born June 14, 1766, oldest child of Jonathan<sup>3d</sup> and Jemima (Rusco) Abbott, married Edmund, born April 9, 1768, son of Daniel and Abigail (Dikeman) Beers, and had Jonathan, born May 22, 1789. This Jonathan Beers married, April 10, 1810, Anna Waterbury, and was the father of Alfred Beers of Bridgeport, who was for many years connected with the Naugatuck Railroad. Alfred Beers was born Sept. 26, 1817, and

<sup>1</sup>Rev. Charles Riley Abbott, Ph.D., of Brooklyn, L. I., and of New Canaan, Conn., is a man of sound and highly intelligent mind. He has for many years been connected with the Brooklyn City Schools, in

which position he has been valued and honored. He has historian taste, and has been of important service as a gatherer and dispenser of history-facts. He has been twice married, and has no children.



married, Sept. 15, 1840, Mary E. Bishop, and had Alfred B. Beers, at the present time a Bridgeport lawyer.

The late Ambrose A. Beers of Lewisboro, born Oct. 30, 1812. (died June 11, 1897) was a son of Jonathan and Anna Beers, and brother of Alfred of Bridgeport. He married, first, Loretta Brown, and had Oscar; Alonzo; Lester and Emmet G. Oscar married Mary Waterbury, and had one child; Alonzo died young. Lester, intended for the ministry, died in the army, unmarried, at Newbern, N. C. Emmet G. married Lucy J. Caldwell, and had Edith Loretta and Ernest, the first of whom married Wm. Mackay of Ridgefield.

Ambrose A. Beers married, second, Jan. 30, 1850, Betsey Ann, born Sept. 22, 1825, daughter of Samuel Monroe. The children by the second marriage were: Emogene Waterbury, born March 7, 1851 (Mrs. Alexander St. George);<sup>1</sup> Harriet Frances, born Dec. 28, 1852 (Mrs. George Edward Raymond); Clarissa Ada, born Dec. 8, 1854; Ida Lavinia (Mrs. Elmer Ellsworth Holly) born March 13, 1857; Franklin Babbitt, born May 1, 1859; Julia Anna (Mrs. Herbert William Kemp) born Nov. 16, 1861; Arthur, born July 1, 1864 (unmarried); Lester Irving, born July 10, 1869.

### HOME-LOT XXVII.

THOMAS LUPTON.

Thomas Lupton of New Haven early appears and almost as early disappears as a factor in Norwalk concerns. He was made a freeman in 1664, but the ancient Town records make name-mention of him prior, by a few years, it would appear, to that date. His home-lot was at the rear, somewhat, of the main line of hearthstone appropriations, but one emanated from thence who became the progenitress of a large family. His daughter Hannah married Ebenezer Blakeley, and had a daughter, to whom was given the mother's name, Hannah, who married John Nash<sup>2d</sup>. John Nash<sup>2d</sup>. and his brother Nathan, were the only sons of John<sup>1st</sup>. (son of Edward Nash<sup>1st</sup>). Nathan, it is believed, had no children, which fact would constitute John Nash<sup>2d</sup>. (whose wife's mother was a Lupton), progenitor of all of Norwalk Nash name.

A grandson of John Nash<sup>2d</sup>. viz.: Abraham<sup>2d</sup>. (son of Abraham Nash<sup>1st</sup>.) was the Abraham Nash of Troy, N. Y. fortune-fame. He married Sally Benedict of Ridgefield. His brothers were Jared and Samuel Nash, and his sisters were Sally (Mrs. Silas St. John)

<sup>1</sup>Alexander and Emogene W. St. George were married April 21, 1873, and had: Elmer Leland, born June 6, 1874; Harold Beers, born July 15, 1888.

George E. and Harriet F. Raymond were married Aug. 29, 1878, and had: Percy Edward, born May 30, 1879; Howard, born April, 1881.

Elmer E. and Ida L. Holly were married July, 1883, and had: Bessie Ida, born Aug. 22, 1886; Anna May, born June 27, 1890; Alice Winnifred, born Sept. 1891.

Franklin B. and Mary Jane (Livesay) Beers were married Oct. 1888, and had: Mabel Clarissa, born Dec., 1889; Earl Livesay, born Dec. 1895.

Herbert William and Julia Anna Kemp were married Dec. 6, 1885, and had: Herbert Oliver, born Oct. 14, 1886; Julia Marjorie, born Mar. 8, 1889.

Lester I. and Ida M. (Keeler) Beers were married Feb., 1890, and had: Myrtle, born June 6, 1891.

Elmer Leland St. George married, Sept. 7, 1896, Ada Street, and had: Leland Elmer, born Oct. 23, 1897.





and Abiah (Mrs. Thaddeus Seymour) of Ridgefield. The Nash family attended the aristocratic old Second Street Presbyterian Church of Troy.

Micajah, brother of Abraham Nash<sup>1st</sup>, and of Edward and Abigail and Mary (see note page 105) married, Oct. 9, 1744, Mary Scribner (see page 105)<sup>1</sup> and had Daniel<sup>1st</sup>, born Dec. 2, 1747, who married, Apr. 24, 1768, a daughter of Dennis Wright of Eton's Neck, L. I., (see page 106).

Daniel Nash<sup>1st</sup> removed to Long Island, where he transiently resided, and where was born, May 12, 1770, his son, Daniel<sup>2d</sup>, who married, Oct. 9, 1809, Rebecca, daughter of Jonathan and Hannah (Bouton) Camp<sup>2</sup> of Norwalk (see pages 106 and 107).

### HOME-LOT XXVIII.

JOHN BOUTON.<sup>3</sup>

Whatever may have been the nationality, whether French or English, of the original Boutons, it will hardly be disputed that John Bouton<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk, deserves to be classed among the recognized foremost of the town's settlers.

He was proprietor of a home-lot, nearer the water side than most of the other primitive hearthstones under description. The tracks (in 1896) of the Consolidated road south-border it, and the present Osborn Avenue of East Norwalk, traverses it. The first John Bouton of Norwalk (a "sonn of John Bowton") had a sister (Mrs. Bridget Kellogg) and a brother (Richard).<sup>4</sup> On Jan. 1, 1656, he married, in Norwalk, Abigail, daughter of Matthew Marvin<sup>1st</sup>, and had by her:

William and Edith Loretta (Beers) Mackay had one daughter, Florence.

<sup>1</sup>The progenitress of the Scribners was Hannah, daughter of John Crampton. The Norwalk settlement was getting fairly under way when this man—John Crampton—appears upon the scene. He was probably one of those who, like Christopher Comstock, Thomas Benedict and Thomas Betts, came subsequently to 1650, to this town. With James Jupp, John Belden and Jonathan Stevenson, he had fought against the pale faces' red enemy, and so far gained the gratitude of his fellow-townsmen as to receive from them a special land grant. He had sons John<sup>2d</sup>. and Joseph and a daughter Hannah. On Oct. 8, 1676, John<sup>2d</sup>. married Sarah Rockwell of Stamford, sister of Mehitable Rockwell who, June 18, 1679, married John Keeler of Norwalk. Joseph Crampton removed to Ridgefield, where he died in about 1719. and his widow, Patience, married, second, John Wood. Hannah, daughter of John Crampton, married March 5, 1679, Benjamin Scribner of Long Island, (see note, page 106).

<sup>2</sup>Daniel Nash<sup>2d</sup>. was a man of strong sense. His tastes were plain, and he was practical to the letter. An errand, when a young man, called him on one

occasion, to a three miles distant household. Having there arrived, he was impressed with the in-door general "air of things". Thrift seemed there to reside; it was a home of industry, and he particularly liked the prompt conduct-manners of the daughters, to one of whom he afterward so successfully offered himself, that Rebecca Camp became Rebecca Nash, the good mother of several very excellent children.

<sup>3</sup>John Bouton<sup>1st</sup>. of Norwalk was, it has been correctly discovered by the clever and careful genealogist, Wm. T. R. Marvin of Boston, Mass., a son of John, Sr. and Alice Bouton. The widowed mother of the Norwalk John Bouton<sup>1st</sup>. married, as his last wife, Matthew Marvin, Sr., the founder of the Norwalk Marvin family.

<sup>4</sup>Richard Bouton<sup>1st</sup>., brother of John Bouton<sup>1st</sup>. of Norwalk, married Ruth, born Jan. 28, 1644, daughter of Benj. and Mary Turney of Fairfield, and afterward step-daughter of Joseph Middlebrook, who had married Mary, widow of Benj. Turney of Pequonnock (Bridgeport, 1896). Richard<sup>1st</sup>. and Ruth (Turney) Bouton had one child, Ruth, who was niece of Capt. Robert Turney of Fairfield, who was eleven years the senior of his sister Ruth, the wife of Richard<sup>1st</sup>. and mother of said Ruth Bouton.



John<sup>2d</sup>, born Sept. 30, 1659.

Matthew<sup>1st</sup>, born Dec. 24, 1661; (went to Danbury).

Elizabeth; (Mrs. Edmond Warren).

Joseph<sup>1st</sup>.

Rachel, born Dec. 16, 1667; (Mrs. Matthias St. John).

Abigail, born Apr. 1, 1670; (Mrs. Ebenezer Smith<sup>1st</sup>).

Thomas; (an incorporator of the Wilton Parish in 1726).

Hannah, born 1675; (Mrs. James Betts).

Richard.

Mrs. John Bouton<sup>1st</sup>. (Abigail Marvin) having died, her husband married, next, Mary, the widow of Jonathan Stevenson<sup>1st</sup>, a Norwalk soldier of colonial times service, who died "the last of November, 1689". It seems probable that the youngest daughter,<sup>1</sup> Mary, of John Bouton<sup>1st</sup>, was the offspring of this last union. She married Lemuel, baptized Nov. 1, 1696, son of Thomas<sup>2d</sup> and Martha (Hobby) Morehouse of Fairfield. The first wife of Thomas Morehouse<sup>2d</sup> was Isabelle, daughter of Ralph Keeler<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk.

John Bouton<sup>2d</sup> married a daughter of Nathaniel Hayes of Norwalk.<sup>2</sup> He lived in Danbury, and had (will-mentioned) John<sup>3d</sup>; Sarah; Abigail, born 1689; Mary, born 1693; Nathaniel, born 1695; Eleazer, born 1701.

Joseph, son of John<sup>1st</sup> and Abigail Bouton, married Mary, born Dec. 5, 1677, daughter of Jachim Gregory<sup>1st</sup> and grand-daughter of John Gregory the settler, and had Jachim; John; Dinah (Mrs. John Benedict); Sarah (Mrs. Theophilus Hanford).

John, son of Joseph<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Bouton, married Sarah, daughter of Matthew and Sarah (Hayes) Seymour. His cousin Eleazer (son of John Bouton<sup>2d</sup>) married Elizabeth, (sister of Sarah) daughter of Matthew and Sarah Seymour.

#### OF JACHIM BOUTON LINE.

Gen. I.—John<sup>1st</sup> and Abigail (Marvin) Bouton.

" II.—Joseph and Mary (Gregory) Bouton.

" III.—Jachim and Mary Bouton.

" IV.—Esaías Bouton, born Nov. 28, 1730.

Esaías Bouton, of the fourth Norwalk Bouton generation, married, May 30, 1753, Phœbe, daughter of Moses and Phœbe (Hopkins) Byxbee, (see note, page 276) and had:

Phœbe, born March 5, 1754, (Mrs. Eliakim Warren<sup>2d</sup>).

Nathan, born Sept. 30, 1756.

Lydia, born Jan. 21, 1759, (Mrs. Stephen Kellogg).

<sup>1</sup>There was a Norwalk Wait Bouton of this early period who married Robert Lockwood.

<sup>2</sup>Nathaniel Hayes makes (see page 85) no will-reference to a Bouton child. There is, nevertheless,

distinct 1699 Norwalk Land Record mention of such a daughter. The Fairfield Probate Record of the choice of Mary Bouton in 1706 of a guardian also infers Hayes relationship.



Stephen, born July 4, 1760.

Samuel, born July 14, 1762.

Hannah, born May 16, 1767. (Mrs. Jonathan Camp<sup>3d</sup>).

Josiah, born June 26, 1768.

The above children of Esaias and Phœbe Bouton lived at the water-side, (see page 55) and formed a numerous household. The father was a man of force and a large land-owner. Acre joined acre, and his domain embraced from the head of the Wilson Cove of 1896, quite a distance toward the old road from "Old Well" to "Middlesex" (South Norwalk and Darien 1896). He was a mariner, known as Capt. Bouton, and amassed something of a property. Of the children, Phœbe, (Mrs. Eliakim Warren<sup>2d</sup>.) has mention on page 270. Nathan, her brother, married Abigail Burlock, as per page 272. Lydia married, Nov. 24, 1778, Stephen, son of Epenetus and Jemima (Rogers) Kellogg. Stephen married, May 26, 1792, Hannah, daughter of Jonathan<sup>2d</sup>. and Mary (Burwell) Camp. Samuel married, May 1, 1787, Eunice, daughter of Noah Smith. Hannah married, May 19, 1792, Jonathan<sup>3d</sup>, son of Jonathan<sup>2d</sup>. and Mary (Burwell) Camp, and Josiah was unmarried, (vide pages 56 and 57).

#### BOUTON-CAMP ALLIANCE.

The Bouton-Camp union—Hannah Bouton and Jonathan Camp<sup>3d</sup>.—was the mingling of New England blood of note. Through the veins of the wife ran the life-tide of the Norwalk Marvins and Gregorys, and on the part of the husband that of the old colonial Baldwins, Buckinghams, Campfields and Platts. Ann, grandmother of Jonathan Camp<sup>3d</sup>. was a grand-child of Samuel<sup>1</sup> and Sarah (Baldwin) Buckingham. Samuel Buckingham, baptized June 13, 1641, married, Dec. 14, 1663, Sarah, daughter of Timothy Baldwin of Milford. These had a daughter Hester, born May 4, 1677, who married, Nov. 7, 1706, Richard, son of Josiah and Sarah (Campfield) Platt. Josiah and Sarah Platt were married Dec. 2, 1669. Mr. Platt was son of Richard Platt the settler, and his wife was a daughter of Thomas, brother of Matthew Campfield of Norwalk (see page 286).

Ann, daughter of Richard and Hester Platt, married Jonathan Camp<sup>1st</sup>. of Norwalk,<sup>2</sup> and had Jonathan<sup>2d</sup>.; Richard; Abraham; Isaac; Esther; Sarah; Mary.

<sup>1</sup>Samuel Buckingham<sup>1st</sup>, who married Sarah Baldwin, was the second son and third child of Thomas Buckingham, the American Buckingham settler. Samuel<sup>1st</sup>. and Sarah Buckingham's grand-child Ann (Mrs. Jonathan Camp<sup>1st</sup>.) was born Nov. 10, 1770. Thomas, born Nov. 8, 1646, grandfather of Rev. Stephen Buckingham of Norwalk (see pages 203, 210 and note page 242) and Samuel, grandfather of Mrs. Jonathan Camp<sup>1st</sup>. were brothers.

<sup>2</sup>The line of Jonathan (Captain, son of Samuel Camp<sup>1st</sup>.), born Dec. 17, 1702 (died Aug. 20, 1768), and who married Ann, (born 1710, died Nov. 5, 1749) daughter of Richard and Hester Platt, is as follows:

Jonathan Camp<sup>2d</sup>., (born May, 1735, died Nov. 10, 1807), married 1759, Mary (born April 17, 1734, died Jan. 25, 1812), daughter of Samuel Burwell, and had:

Ann, born Oct. 18, 1761, died Dec. 18, 1761.

Esther, born Feb. 24, 1763, married Jas. Fitch.

Mary, born Dec. 17, 1764, married David St. John.

Hannah, born April 24, 1766, married Stephen Bouton.

Jonathan<sup>3d</sup>., born Feb. 20, 1768, married Hannah Bouton.

Stephen, born Sept. 22, 1769, married Rachel B., daughter of Silas Hickok.

Ann, born Oct. 7, 1771, married Sam'l. Beardsley.





Stephen Bouton, second son of Esaias and Phœbe, married Hannah, the fourth daughter of Jonathan<sup>2d</sup> and Mary (Burwell) Camp, and had Hannah C., born March 8, 1793 (Mrs. Frederick Bradley);<sup>1</sup> Stephen<sup>2d</sup>, born March 18, 1797; Josiah, born March 17, 1802.

Stephen Bouton<sup>2d</sup>, married May 5, 1824, Harriette Bradley. Mr. Bouton was a devoted Churchman, and a zealous member of Christ Church Parish, Troy, N. Y. His children were Charles F., born Aug. 4, 1825, died an infant; George B. (M.D.) born Apr. 27, 1828 (see note page 107); Grace B.,<sup>2</sup> born July 14, 1835 (Mrs. William C. Peck); Harriette J., died young.

William, born May 5, 1773, died Aug. 1775.

Rebecca, born Dec. 28, 1774, married Dan'l. Nash.

Jonathan Camp<sup>3d</sup>, (born Feb. 20, 1768, died July 31, 1852) married, May 19, 1792, Hannah, born May 16, 1767, died Dec. 2, 1842, daughter of Esaias and Phœbe (Byxbee) Bouton, and had:

Sarah, born May 4, 1794, married Wm. J. Street.

Mary, born July 31, 1797, died Nov. 20, 1800.

William, born June 27, 1799, died Oct. 15, 1802.

Jonathan<sup>4th</sup>, born Sept. 15, 1801.

Stephen W., born Feb. 8, 1807, died Sept. 18, 1812.

Mary Esther, born Apr. 14, 1808, died Apr. 5, 1831.

Jonathan Camp<sup>4th</sup>, born Sept. 15, 1801, died Apr. 14, 1880, married, Jan. 11, 1826, Mary Cannon, born Feb. 15, 1808, died Dec. 4, 1896, daughter of Garritt Harsin and Amelia (Cannon) Newkirk, and had:

Stephen William, born Nov. 17, 1826, died Nov. 20, 1831.

Rebecca Gould, born Aug. 21, 1828.

Mary Esther, born Mar. 2, 1833.

Hannah Louisa, born Jan. 2, 1835.

Jonathan<sup>5th</sup>, born Jan. 22, 1838.

Albert Nash, born Nov. 8, 1839.

Jonathan Camp<sup>5th</sup>, married Apr. 5, 1865, Frances J., daughter of Noah S. and Eliza Jane (Gorham) Wood, and had:

Kate Elaine, born Jan. 18, 1866 (married Sept. 19, 1885, Robert Forbes Way of Hartford and had; Arthur Camp, born Aug. 6, 1886; Donald Forbes, born May 10, 1891.

Jonathan Camp<sup>6th</sup>, born Jan. 10, 1874, married April 29, 1896, Susan, daughter of Daniel Morell of Hartford.

Rebecca Gould, daughter of Jonathan<sup>4th</sup> and Mary C. (Newkirk) Camp, married Oct. 4, 1847, Samuel Edwin, born Mar. 25, 1824, died May 26, 1885, son of Noah and Annie (Belden) Olmstead, and had:

Arthur, born July 13, 1848, died May 18, 1851.

Louise, married Feb. 6, 1878, Clarence Belmont Coolidge, born Aug. 26, 1850, died Jan. 8, 1895.

Mary Newkirk, born Dec. 13, 1856, died Nov. 3, 1860.

Rebecca Camp, born Oct. 15, 1862, married Jan.

6, 1886, Frank Warren Woodward, born May 24, 1862, and had Warren Olmstead.

Maria, born Oct. 15, 1862, died Oct. 15, 1862.

Mary Esther, daughter of Jonathan<sup>4th</sup> and Mary C. (Newkirk) Camp, married, Oct. 29, 1855, Rev. Eugene Charles Pattison, born Jan. 25, 1831, died April 10, 1881, and had:

Samuel Seabury, born Apr. 17, 1857, died May 8, 1863.

Arthur Eugene, born Dec. 20, 1858 (married Sept. 29, 1886, Martha Duncan Irwin of Fort Wayne, Ind., and had: Mary; Arthur Eugene; Martha Irwin; Irwin; Edgerton Alvord).

Mary Lydia, born Sept. 24, 1862 (married, Feb. 2, 1886, Philip Nichols Knapp, and had: Julie Ferry; Philip Pattison, died Mar. 19, 1891, and Esther).

Jenny Louise, born Nov. 25, 1865.

Jonathan Camp, born Nov. 11, 1869.

Edwin Olmstead, born Jan. 26, 1875.

Hannah Louisa, daughter of Jonathan<sup>4th</sup> and Mary C. (Newkirk) born Jan. 2, 1835, married Nov. 10, 1853, Theodore Edward (son of Asa E. and Ann (Brown) Smith, born June 18, 1827, died Apr. 3, 1879) and had:

Wilfred, born Aug. 31, 1854 (married Nov. 14, 1878 Mary Elizabeth Atwater, Brooklyn, N. Y. born Aug. 5, 1855 and had: Leonard Atwater and Arthur Eugene.)

Elinor Louise, born Oct. 8, 1864.

Albert Nash, son of Jonathan<sup>5th</sup> and Mary C. (Newkirk) Camp, born Nov. 8, 1839, married Oct. 3, 1864, Ellen M. Lum born May 22, 1842, and had:

Hattie Estelle, born Dec. 6, 1866, (married Oct. 4, 1893, Frank G. Atwater, born Brooklyn, Mar. 2, 1862, and had: Constance, Frank Glasgow and Eliot Camp.)

Albert Erskine, born Sept. 15, 1868, died July 18, 1869.

<sup>1</sup>Mrs. Frederick Bradley (mother of Mrs. John T. Lamport and the first Mrs. Gould Rockwell, both of Troy, N. Y., and of Mrs. Joseph Hunneman of Boston, Mass.), had two unmarried sons.

<sup>2</sup>Mrs. William Cook Peck was the mother of eight children, among them George Beriah B., who was a Norwalk School youth of recent years.



## BOUTON BRIEFS.

Nathaniel, born 1695, son of John Bouton<sup>2d</sup> and his Hayes wife, and grandson of John<sup>1st</sup> and Abigail (Marvin) Bouton, married Hannah, born Oct. 20, 1699, only daughter, by his first wife, of John Betts (see page 228), son of Thomas<sup>1st</sup> and Mary Betts. Nathaniel and Hannah Bouton resided outside the Norwalk limits, in that portion of north-west adjoining Norwalk which belonged to Stamford, and was a part of what was known as "Canaan parish".

Joseph, son of Jachim and Mary Bouton and grandson of Joseph, Sr. and Mary (Gregory) Bouton married, Aug. 25, 1748, Susannah, born Aug. 28, 1732, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Fitch) Raymond, and niece of Gov. Thomas Fitch. After the decease of Joshua Raymond, his widow, the mother of Mrs. Susannah Bouton, married Rev. Elisha Kent (see page 128). William, oldest child of Joseph and Susannah Bouton, married, at the age of twenty, Sarah, daughter of John and Elizabeth Benedict, and had, among a large number of children, Esther (an infant of less than three months when Norwalk was burned), who married Nathaniel Benedict, and was the mother of S. Williston Benedict and grandmother of Louisa Benedict (Mrs. LeGrand Lockwood). John, brother of Esther Bouton (Mrs. Nathaniel Benedict), was one of the worthy and intellectual sons of Norwalk fifty years ago. He was called "Deacon John Bouton", and was well known in what is now the city of South Norwalk. To himself and son, William S. Bouton,<sup>1</sup> Norwalk is influence and annals-obligated. Nathaniel (D.D.), born June 22, 1799, the youngest son of William and Sarah (Benedict) Bouton and grandson of Joseph and Susannah (Raymond) Bouton, was a Yale (1821) graduate, and an able Divine of Concord, New Hampshire. He delivered the published interesting discourse at the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of Norwalk, and was one whose learning and virtues merit perpetual remembrance in his native town.

John and Nathaniel Bouton, of primal Norwalk Bouton stock, were among the Canaan parish pioneers of 1730-32, to whom descendants may unhesitatingly memory-refer. A hardy, honest folk made up the primitive constituency of that spine-advantaged township, and it is instructively suggestive to-day to visit the ancient hearthstone sites and thereat retrospect with reference to the safe principles, practices and foundation work of former times. The "Bouton path to the Meeting-House" is an old New Canaan designation which, as indicative of an excellent element in the careful, conscientious and compensating training of early days, carries its own interpretation, and needs no verbal comment. Simple, and as some might suggest slow, but it was sure, satisfying and substance-full education.

<sup>1</sup>William Smith Bouton (son of Dea. John Bouton), married Dec. 4, 1837, Margaret F. Hudson of New Rochelle, N. Y., and was a Norwalk history-benefactor. His contribution under the description of Nor-

walk, in Hurd's History of Fairfield County, is a clear statement of ancient facts. His two children were Emily Virginia (Mrs. Edward D. Taylor) and Julia Minor (Mrs. Jacob M. Sherwood).





## HOME-LOT XXIX.

WALTER HOYT.

Simon Hoyt, born in England in 1595, and who, company-led by Gov. John Endicott, embarked at the age of three-and-thirty, for America, reached his desired western haven Sept. 6, 1628. Two children had, up to this time, been born to him, Walter and Nicholas. Walter was an English boy of ten, and Nicholas of eight, when the family set foot on the New World soil. Their father, two years after arrival, is found in 1630 as a Dorchester, Mass., settler. He there remained a few years and thence departed to Scituate, in the same colony. He here found his second wife, Susanna Smith, with whom, in April, 1635, he "joined the Church of that place". He then went to Windsor, where, in 1640, he had definite registration. The family had now increased to four children, all boys and all living: Walter, Nicholas, John and Moses. Walter was of age, and several Windsor land grants were made to him. He seems to have Windsor-remained thirteen years, and then, about 1653, aged thirty-five, came to Norwalk, his father having for a few years already resided in Fairfield.

The residence-center home-lots had, probably, been pretty well disposed of when Walter Hoyt appeared in Norwalk. His apportionment adjoined, on the west, that of John Bouton, and was near the shore terminus of the path from Fairfield. John, the oldest son, was about ten years old when he came with his father to Norwalk, and his brother Zerubbabel four or five, perhaps. The children between the two brothers were Elizabeth (Mrs. Samuel St. John) and Hannah (Mrs. Judah Gregory).

Walter, the Norwalk Hoyt father, was useful until the end of life. He made his will Feb. 11, 1695-6, "aged abt. 78", and did not long thereafter survive. John, his son, who married a step-daughter, Mary Lindall, of Nathaniel Richards (see page 121) removed to Danbury, leaving his only brother, Zerubbabel, sponsor for the Norwalk male portion of the family. The children of Zerubbabel were Abigail, born Feb. 2, 1675; Joseph, born 1676-78; Daniel, born Jan. 1, 1681; Hannah (Mrs. Joseph Whitney); Caleb; Rhoda (Mrs. John Keeler<sup>2d.</sup>).

## DESCENT OF AND FROM WALTER HOYT.

Walter Hoyt, the Norwalk settler, son of Simon Hoyt the progenitor, was some thirty-five years of age when he came to this town and planted his "coaste banke" home adjacent to the fathers' ferry to "the other side", now South Norwalk. Four children—John, about nine or ten, Elizabeth and Hannah, girls not far from five and seven, and Zerubbabel, a mere child—composed, with their parents, the Hoyt family circle when Norwalk was cradled. The quite young Zerubbabel<sup>1st.</sup> grew to man's estate and lived to be twice married, his second wife, Mehitable, the widow of John Keeler, and by whom he had no children, being, singular to say, the mother-in-law of his son Caleb and daughter Rhoda.



Joseph<sup>1st</sup>, son of Zerubbabel, married Sarah,<sup>1</sup> daughter of James<sup>1st</sup>. and Rebecca Pickett, and had Zerubbabel<sup>2d</sup>; James<sup>1st</sup>; Moses; Joseph,<sup>2d</sup> Sarah; Elizabeth and Hannah. James,<sup>2</sup> second son of Joseph<sup>1st</sup>, married Hannah Goold, and had James<sup>2d</sup>; Goold; Jesse; Stephen; Isaac; Hannah; Ann. James Hoyt<sup>2d</sup>, married Sarah Hanford and lived in Bridgeport; Gould married Elizabeth Dimon of Fairfield; Jesse married Mary, daughter of Samuel Raymond<sup>2d</sup>; Stephen married Esther, daughter of Joseph Lampson of Fairfield, and lived outside of Norwalk; Isaac married Mary, daughter of Eliakim and Hannah Raymond; Hannah married Jonathan Bulkley; Ann married George Raymond.

Goold, born Jan. 9, 1738, son of James<sup>1st</sup>. and Hannah (Goold) Hoyt, established

#### THE GOOLD HOYT LINE.



THE GOOLD HOYT HOUSE.

The Goold Hoyt house (see page 44) was built during the autumn and winter of 1764-5. After the Fairfield Hoyt-Dimon wedding ceremony, the contracting parties, escorted by the groom and bride's function-attendants upon horseback, chaise-  
rode to the just-finished Norwalk home above illustrated.

<sup>1</sup>Sarah Pickett<sup>1st</sup>. (Mrs. Joseph Hoyt<sup>1st</sup>.), born April 4, 1678, was the oldest daughter of James<sup>1st</sup>. and Rebecca (Keeler) Pickett. The parents of Mrs. Joseph Hoyt<sup>1st</sup>. were well known settlers. Jas. Pickett<sup>1st</sup>. was baptized in Salem, Mass., in 1648, and married his wife (Rebecca, daughter of Ralph Keeler, Sr., see page 120). July 17, 1673. James Pickett<sup>1st</sup>. was the second child of John<sup>1st</sup>. and Margaret Pickett, the New England Pickett settlers. This ancestor and ancestors were in Salem, Mass. in 1648, and removed to Stratford in 1650. John Pickett<sup>1st</sup>. was a public man.

He was a Constable in 1667, a Stratford Selectman in 1669 and a Colonial Representative from 1673 to 1675. After this honorable career this ancestor of so many of the Norwalk Hoyts died April 11, 1684, his wife having deceased the year before (Oct. 6, 1683). Joseph Hoyt<sup>1st</sup>. named his first son Zerubbabel, after his own father, and his next son James (who married Hannah Goold), after his wife's father, which appears to have been an ancient custom.

<sup>2</sup>James Hoyt<sup>1st</sup>. bought, early in life, one hundred and twenty of the splendid Haynes Ridge acres.

# Introduction

The purpose of this study is to investigate the effects of various factors on the performance of a system. The study is divided into two main parts: a theoretical analysis and an experimental investigation. The theoretical analysis focuses on the development of a model that can predict the system's behavior under different conditions. The experimental investigation involves the design and execution of a series of tests to validate the model and to determine the range of conditions over which it is applicable.



The results of the experimental investigation are presented in the form of a series of graphs and tables. These results show that the system's performance is highly sensitive to the input parameters, and that the model developed in the theoretical analysis provides a good approximation of the experimental data. The study concludes that the system can be used in a wide range of applications, provided that the input parameters are carefully controlled.

FAMILY OF GOULD<sup>1st</sup>. AND ELIZABETH HOYT.

## HOYT.

Goold<sup>1st</sup>, second son of James and Hannah (Goold) Hoyt, and the widely known Goold Hoyt<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk, was of the fifth (Walter, Zerubbabel, Joseph, James<sup>1st</sup>) Norwalk Hoyt generation. His great-great-great-grandfather was Simon Hoyt, the American Hoyt father.<sup>1</sup>

Gen. I.—Simon Hoyt.

“ II.—Walter Hoyt, (first Norwalk Hoyt generation).

“ III.—Zerubbabel Hoyt.

“ IV.—Joseph<sup>1st</sup> and Sarah (Pickett) Hoyt.

“ V.—James<sup>1st</sup> and Hannah (Goold) Hoyt.

## DIMON.

Gen. I.—Thomas Dimon.

“ II.—Moses and Abigail (Ward) Dimon.

“ III.—Moses and Jane (Pinckney) Dimon.

“ IV.—Ebenezer and Mary (Burr) Dimon.

Moses Dimon<sup>1st</sup>, who early settled in Fairfield, seems to have been a son of Thos. Dimon, an old Pequonnock mariner. “God made the country”, and Stratfield and Fairfield were notable portions of His handiwork. Natural beauty was the accident which led their founding, for no sooner had Ludlow chased the red foe across their handsome levels, where the enemy was finally captured, than that he appropriated the spot to civilization and cultivation. The Dimons selected a lovely bit of this “fairefelde”—the precise site, in 1896, of the summer seat of Col. Wm. H. Stephenson—for a family home.

The purchase was made (see Norwalk Land Records of 1742) of David Waterbury, Jr., and the purchase price was the neat amount of £408. The portion of the Ridge bought at that time by Mr. Hoyt embraced the now choice site known as WISGAUNONTA (sundown knoll), and the seat of the spacious mansion of L. P. Child, in New Canaan. The ancient name of that particular part of the property was “Platt's Farm”. In 1757 Mr. Hoyt sold this, or much of it, to Capt. John Alexander of New York. On May 12, 1764, Capt. Alexander gave 13 poles of this land to “Church of England established in New Canaan”, (“60 feet front east and west, 50 feet north and south”). Four days afterward (May 6, 1764), Capt. Alexander sold it all back (134 acres) to James Hoyt again. On July 18, 1764, Mr. Hoyt disposed of the same, minus a few acres (125a, 1R. 3rds.) to Jonathan Husted, receiving for the territory £814.5s. On that day Mr. Hoyt donated to “the professors of the Church of England in Canaan Parish” the “Church yard” (evidently burial ground) lying just north of the 1896 L. P.

Child residence. A clause in the “Church yard” deed (“whereon the frame for a Church now stands”), given by Mr. Hoyt on July 18, 1764, fixes the date of the erection of the first St. Mark's Church in New Canaan. Capt. Alexander had given the site on May 12, 1764, and between that date and July 18 following, the building had been “raised”.

<sup>1</sup>A Scituate, Mass., record thus reads: “goodman Haites (Simon Hoyt) house on Kent Street was built between Sept. 1634 and Oct. 1636, the house of the Smiths (Samuel, great-great-grandfather of Noah Smith of old Smith's Island, Norwalk) Goodman Haits brothers was built in the same period.”

The aged Matthias St. John, Sr., speaks at the close of life of “his dearly beloved brother and sister Hoyt” (Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoyt, Sr.) The second wife of Walter Hoyt<sup>1st</sup> seems to have been a widow Taylor, but his first wife (the mother probably of his children) is as yet unknown. The wife of his son Zerubbabel and parentage of Mrs. Jas. Hoyt<sup>1st</sup>, (Hannah Goold) are also yet to be documentary-found.





It was bought of John, son of Francis Purdy. Moses Dimon<sup>1st</sup> married Abigail Ward, and had Moses<sup>2d</sup>, who married Jane Pinckney. These had a son Ebenezer, born March 18, 1704, who married Mary, baptized July 4, 1708, daughter of John and Deborah (Barlow) Burr. John Burr was son of Nathaniel, who was son of Jehu Burr, the founder of the family. The Burr homestead stood in Stratfield (Bridgeport) on the east side of the present Fairfield Avenue, a trifle north of the crossing to-day of said Avenue by the Consolidated road. It was a delightful site, and held the old "covenant oak", well remembered even by young people to-day, beneath which were signed the Indian contracts. The property in Fairfield had fallen to Ebenezer Dimon<sup>1st</sup>, who had three sons, Ebenezer<sup>2d</sup>, David and William, and four daughters, Abigail, Deborah, Sarah and Mary. The father made his will on May 5, 1746, and died twenty-three days afterward, somewhat before was born his fifth daughter, Elizabeth,<sup>1</sup> the future Mrs. Goold Hoyt,<sup>2</sup> for whose expected arrival he made, as one of the last acts of his life, ample provision. From that fine Fairfield abode, her hand, who now sleeps close by the west door of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, was sought in matrimony by Goold Hoyt<sup>1st</sup>, whose sister Hannah,<sup>3</sup> also of Norwalk, married Jonathan Bulkley, and was established, in much comfort, on the other side of the Fairfield "Green" from the Dimons, in what has since that time constituted the Glover Villa.

Goold Hoyt and Elizabeth Dimon were married in Fairfield, by Rev. Noah Hobart, V. D. M., on June 13, 1765, and had:

Thomas, born Feb. 26, 1767.

Goold, born Nov. 16, 1769.

<sup>1</sup>Elizabeth's (Mrs. Gould Hoyt) brother David Dimon was the father of Ebenezer Dimon, High Sheriff. Her brother, William Dimon, who married Jan. 3, 1765, Esther, daughter of Solomon Sturges, was the grandfather of Mrs. Robinson and her sister Cordelia (Mrs. Franklin J. Mallory), and of their brothers Charles and Frederick Dimon, which two sisters and brothers were formerly residents of Norwalk.

<sup>2</sup>The Ward and Burr descent of Mrs. Goold Hoyt, Sr. needs no comment. Both are New England fundamental family names, the ancient "driving power" of which in state, scientific and social directions was such as to render future family identity-loss a thing impossible. Andrew, founder of the Ward household, was one of the eight chosen (1636) Connecticut chief magistrates, from which time on, until his decease in 1665, he was a conspicuous colonist; while Jehu, the Burr forefather, headed a line of some of the most important actors on the early New England stage. Mrs. Hoyt was a young bride when she first appeared in Norwalk, but that she graced and governed her home may well be believed from the children who issued from it.

<sup>3</sup>Hannah, daughter of James<sup>1st</sup> and Hannah Hoyt,

and sister of Goold Hoyt<sup>1st</sup>, married Jonathan Bulkley of Fairfield. Jonathan (son of Peter<sup>3rd</sup> and Abigail) Bulkley, was a grandson of Peter<sup>2d</sup> and Hannah (Whelpley) Bulkley. Peter Bulkley<sup>2d</sup> married Hannah, daughter of John and Sarah (Whelpley) Bulkley. John Bulkley, who married Sarah, daughter of Henry Whelpley, was a son of Thos.<sup>2d</sup> and Sarah (Jones) Bulkley. Mrs. Thomas Bulkley<sup>2d</sup> was a daughter of Rev. John Jones, first pastor of Fairfield, and Thos. Bulkley<sup>2d</sup> was a son of Rev. Thos. Bulkley<sup>1st</sup>, who came from England.

The Bulkley-Hoyt home (site to-day of the residence of a nephew of the late Samuel Glover), stood on the east side of the Fairfield Green and faced said area. It was an historic house. Peter Bulkley<sup>3rd</sup> kept it as a hotel, in which occupation he was followed by his son Jonathan, who married Hannah Hoyt. The Court there stopped, and the house was "kept" in fine style. The negro quarters were outside the establishment, and the old Fairfield Masonic Lodge-room ran the entire length of the upper story of the east section of the building. Jonathan Bulkley seems to have been compelled to remain in Nova Scotia during the Revolution, but his wife did not leave her family.



Esther (Mrs. Henry Belden), born Oct. 14, 1773.

Ebenezer Dimon, born Aug. 13, 1776.

Monson, born Mar. 17, 1781.

Goold Hoyt died June 2, 1803, and his widow Feb. 17, 1834.

Thomas, oldest son of Goold and Elizabeth Hoyt, married, Jan. 5, 1793, Elizabeth Phillips of Dutchess County, N. Y., and had no issue. He built and resided in what was since the home of his brother-in-law, Henry Belden, and now the rectory of Grace Church, Norwalk. After the decease, in 1813, of Thomas Hoyt, Mrs. Eliza Selleck intended to purchase the property, but at the solicitation of Mrs. Henry Belden, relinquished the project, selecting for her residence instead, the John Belden homestead, a portion of which latter estate has been the donation of her daughter, Mrs. Maria Phillips James, to St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, and is the site, in 1896, of the Chapel of Our Holy Saviour. Mrs. Thomas Hoyt removed, after her husband's decease, to her native New York territory, where she died.

Goold<sup>2d</sup>, second son of Goold<sup>1st</sup>. and Elizabeth Hoyt, married Sabina, daughter of Henry I. Sheaffe of Philadelphia. He lived in Park Place, New York, but has been a benefactor of his father's parish, Norwalk. His children were:

She saved the place from Tryon's fagots (see note page 181) but was ill treated. Her husband was away for twelve years. He returned but lived only a short time after his home coming.

<sup>1</sup>Deborah Ann, daughter of Henry I. Sheaffe and half sister of Mrs. Goold Hoyt<sup>2d</sup>, married, as his second wife, John Glover<sup>2d</sup>. (son of John Glover<sup>1st</sup>). The Fairfield Glover hearthstone is the residence, in 1896, of Henry S., son of John<sup>3d</sup>. and Helen (Le Roy) Glover. The first wife of John Glover<sup>2d</sup>. was the mother of Martha Ann Glover, who married Dr. Jas. Davenport Fitch of New York. Dr. and Mrs. James D. Fitch had Martha Elizabeth and Annie. Annie married J. Howard, son of the late Rev. Henry E. Montgomery, D. D. (see note page 181), and had: Henry Eglington; James Davenport (died young); Mary; John Howard; Austin; Jeanette.

The well recalled Mary C. J. S. Hoyt of Fairfield, whose interesting souvenir relics invite attention to-day, and to whom her New York Hammersley and Norwalk Hoyt and Belden connections were quite attentive, was the daughter of Monson and Lucretia (Hammersley) Hoyt of New York. Monson Hoyt, her father, was a cousin of Goold<sup>1st</sup>, Jesse and Isaac Hoyt. His widow resided in the fine place on Water Street, Bridgeport. Mary occupied the house with her mother, while her sister married into the old Shelton family of Bridgeport, the avenue premises of which household time has so softly dealt with that they form a soothingly pleasing picture to-day. Miss

Mary C. J. S. Hoyt was the Mrs. John Glover friend who is note-mentioned on page 181.

John Glover<sup>2d</sup>. married, second, Deborah Ann Sheaffe, and had John<sup>3d</sup>.; Mary Sheaffe; Samuel.

John Glover<sup>3d</sup>. (Yale mate of Col. F. St. J. Lockwood of Norwalk), married Helen Le Roy of New York, and had Charlotte (unmarried); John<sup>4th</sup>. (a choice spirit and highly promising, who died abroad); Henry Sheaffe (married Harriet Dorson, daughter of G. Dorson Coleman of Pa., and had: Helen Le Roy; Dorson Coleman; Harriet Dorson Coleman; Charlotte Le Roy; John Le Roy); Martha (Mrs. Dr. Geo. Norton Miller, who had: George Norton; Helen Le Roy and Catharine).

Mary Sheaffe, daughter of John<sup>2d</sup>. and Deborah Ann (Sheaffe) Glover, married Henry L. Mills of New York, and had: Sarah (Mrs. Walter R. Hartshorn of Penna.); Henry Lewis; George Andrew; John Glover; Frederick Sheaffe (married Anita V., daughter of Francis Morgan of N. Y.) Henry L. Mills, Sr., is deceased. His widow and children occupy the Fairfield home, which is a repository of family treasures. Henry L. Mills, the older son, takes pleasure in antiquarian research, and is performing a valuable work in copying and connecting-collating the rare Fairfield probate record wealth.

Samuel Glover, youngest son of John<sup>2d</sup>. and Deborah Ann Glover, married Emily H. Brown of Philadelphia, and had: William Brown; Emily<sup>1st</sup>. (died young); Deborah; Emily<sup>2d</sup>. (died young).





Henry Sheaffe, married Frances Maria, daughter of Judge William Alexander and Marie (Denning) Duer. No issue.

Mary Augusta. Died young.

Sabina, married William, son of William Redmond of Ballemena, Ireland, then of Charleston, and later of N. Y. City. Had several children.<sup>1</sup>

Goold<sup>3d</sup>, married Camilla, daughter of Maj.-Gen. Winfield Scott, U. S. A. Goold Hoyt<sup>3d</sup> has always lived in New York. He had Goold<sup>4th</sup>, unmarried; Winfield Scott, unmarried; Percy G., unmarried; Geraldine, deceased; Camilla, unmarried; Virginia.

Lydig Monson, married Geraldine, daughter of Maturin and Margaret (Lewis) Livingston of New York, and had several children.

Emily Esther, married May 29, 1849, David<sup>2d</sup>, son of David Sears<sup>1st</sup>, one of Boston's oldest families, and had five children.

Esther, daughter of Goold<sup>1st</sup> and Elizabeth Hoyt, married Henry, son of John and Rebecca (Bartlett) Belden of Norwalk, and had:

Margaret, unmarried.<sup>2</sup> Amelia, unmarried. John, unmarried.

Ebenezer Dimon, son of Goold and Elizabeth Hoyt, married, July 16, 1799, Hul-

Judge William Brown Glover, son of Samuel and Emily H. Glover, was a jurist of fine parts and an accomplished gentleman. He married Helen Wardwell and had: William Brown; Samuel; Cathaleen Sturges; Deborah Norris.

The Bulkleys and Glovers of Fairfield and the Beldens and Hoyts of Norwalk were intimate in earlier days, and the visit-interchanges between the households were marked occurrences. The best family coach conveyed the Norwalk contingency Fairfieldwards, and the return reciprocity was enjoyed in this town.

<sup>1</sup>William Redmond's namesake son, William, Jr., married Mary, daughter of Wm. Preston and Mary (Lawrence) Griffin. The grandfather of Mrs. Wm. Redmond, Jr., was the brave navy Lawrence, whose last words were "Don't give up the ship." Mrs. Wm. Redmond, Jr., died, leaving a husband and children. A son, Preston, perpetuates the family name.

Sabina Redmond, daughter of William, Sr., married John Walter Wood of New York. Her sisters, Mary and Emily, and brother Goold II., were unmarried. Her brother Henry married Lydia Smallwood of Orange, N. J.; her sister Matilda married R. James Cross of Scotland; her brother Roland married Helen C. Bulkley of N. Y.; her sister Annie married her deceased sister Matilda's husband (R. James Cross); her brother Gerald married Estelle, daughter of Johnston Livingston of Tivoli, N. Y., and her sister Fanny married Henry B. Livingston of New York.

<sup>2</sup>Margaret and Amelia, the daughters of Henry and Esther (Hoyt) Belden, were the almoners of a large estate, which they improved and enjoyed during life, and made generous testamentary disposition of at the close of their days. Their brother John, a Wilton School lad, died in early manhood. He was a factor in Norwalk society, but his career was brief. His sisters filled out a protracted life term. They placed a window in the chancel of St. Paul's Church to the memory of their parents, and handsomely remembered the Berkeley Divinity School at Middletown, Conn. A West Avenue Chapel-of-Ease for St. Paul's Church seems to have been a favorite project with the sisters, but they passed away ere the benefaction was accomplished. Their home on their parents' estate (site of Grace Church 1896), was one of refinement, and their remains rest beneath a monument of Scotch granite close by the west portals of the old St. Paul's Church of nearly sixty years ago.

St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, has for many years enjoyed the use of the Hoyt legacies. The father of Goold Hoyt<sup>2d</sup> registered himself a benefactor of the same parish when, on June 26, 1790, he was one of four (Goold Hoyt<sup>1st</sup>, John Cannon, Thomas Belden), and Ebenezer Church), who, "in consideration of the esteem and good-will which we have for the Episcopal Church and Society" united in a deed of land "at upper end of France Street, three-and-a-half acres in quantity, for the use, benefit and support of the Episcopal minister in said Society". The income from this legacy is a revenue to-day.



daughter of John and Mehitable (Comstock) Hanford (see notes pages 98 and 99), and had :

Edwin, born Feb. 18, 1800; married Mar. 4, 1821, Eliza, born Oct. 2, 1800, daughter of Josiah and Abigail (Beers) Smith of Newtown.<sup>1</sup>

Eliza, born Dec. 28, 1801; married Charles, son of Isaac and Mary (Raymond) Hoyt.

Monson, born Apr. 19, 1803; married Mary Esther, daughter of William St. John<sup>2d</sup>, (see page 332).

Goold, born June 28, 1805; died young.

William Goold, born Dec. 12, 1811; died in infancy.

Mary, born Nov. 8, 1813; married June 3, 1833, as his second wife, her brother-in-law, Charles Hoyt.

William Thomas, born Mar. 16, 1816; died unmarried.

Harriet, born Nov. 7, 1817; married John Cleveland, and had Ella (Mrs. Rev. Samuel Unsworth); John; Alice; and two who died in infancy.

Monson, son of Goold and Elizabeth Hoyt lived until within a few months of twenty-one years of age, and died unmarried.

#### THE JESSE HOYT LINE.

Jesse, born June 2, 1744, son of James<sup>1st</sup>. and Hannah (Goold) Hoyt, married, Oct.

1764, Mary, daughter of Samuel Raymond<sup>2d</sup>, by his second wife, Mary Kitto of England.<sup>2</sup> Samuel Raymond,<sup>2d</sup>. was a son of Samuel<sup>1st</sup>. and Judith (Palmer) Raymond, and a grandson of John<sup>1st</sup>. and Mary (Betts) Raymond, who, with Richard (father of John<sup>1st</sup>) Raymond, were the Norwalk settlers of that name. The children of Jesse and Mary (Raymond) Hoyt were:

Silas, born Apr. 4, 1766.

Hannah, born Feb. 13, 1778.

Jesse, born Oct. 25, 1767.

Harriet, born Nov. 11, 1781.

<sup>1</sup>The children of Edwin and Eliza (Smith) Hoyt were:

Charlotte Sophia, born Jan. 19, 1822.

Ebenezer Dimon, born Apr. 19, 1824.

Emily Abigail, born Sept. 14, 1827.

Elizabeth Hulda, born Oct. 27, 1830.

Monson, born Sept. 25, 1833.

Frederick Edwin, born Feb. 8, 1835.

William Thomas, born Apr. 30, 1838.

Margaret, born Oct. 5, 1840.

Eliza Geraldine, born Nov. 6, 1842.

Henry Augustus, born June 16, 1845.

Charlotte S. Hoyt married John J. Thomas, (had Henry, died young); Ebenezer D. married Mary Reece (had Edwin; James; Emily (Mrs. Edwin Case); John; Ebenezer); Emily Abigail married Charles B., son of Langdon and Harriet (Bouton) Mott (had Charles

Edwin, died young; Wallace Augustus; Lottie, who married William Burrows of Cleveland, Ohio, and had one son who died young, and two daughters, Lorna D. and Gladdis Elgin); Elizabeth Hulda is unmarried; Monson was unmarried; Frederick Edwin married Mary Marchand of New Orleans (had Henry; Emily (Mrs. Sheridan Law); Thomas; May A.; Allen). William Thomas married Annie Perry of N. Y., and had Mary (Mrs. Hilon Sawyer), who has three children, George, Willard and Margaret; Margaret died young; Eliza Geraldine was a social favorite, and died Feb. 10, 1875; Henry Augustus was unmarried.

<sup>2</sup>Mrs. Jesse Hoyt was the sister of Ruth, born about 1732, who married, for his second wife, Ebenezer Church<sup>1st</sup>. Mr. Church's first wife was Susannah, daughter of Samuel<sup>1st</sup>. and Susannah Fitch, (see page 175).



Polly, born June 16, 1769.	Alfred, born Jan. 21, 1783.
Hannah, born June 9, 1774.	Anna, born Nov. 12, 1784.
Frederick, born Feb. 4, 1776.	James Moody, born Jan. 25, 1789.

James Moody, the youngest child of Jesse and Mary Hoyt, married, May 12, 1814, Mary, daughter of Dr. Samuel Nesbitt of New York, and had :<sup>1</sup>

Jesse, born Mar. 12, 1815.	James Henry, born July 4, 1823.
Mary, born Jan. 23, 1819.	Alfred M., born Dec. 22, 1828.
Samuel N., born Mar. 4, 1821.	Reuben, born May 17, 1831.

Mr. and Mrs. James Moody Hoyt came about fifty years ago to Norwalk, and here, on the highland northeast side of the Norwalk Green, built a residence of goodly and generous acreage, in which they peacefully ended their protracted lives. They were devout members of St. Paul's Church and warm friends of its rector, Rev. Wm. Cooper Mead, D.D., at whose side their dust now reposes in the old church yard. Their oldest son was the principal in the metropolitan commercial house of "Jesse Hoyt & Co.," business associated with which son were his brothers. The only daughter of the family lovingly cared for her honored parents, and until her departure from Norwalk, continued to make inviting to the family relations and connections, the handsome Hoyt home hospitality of former years.

#### THE ISAAC HOYT LINE.

Isaac, born 1754, fifth son of James<sup>1st</sup> and Hannah (Goold) Hoyt, married, June 30, 1776, Mary, born May 13, 1755, daughter of Eliakim<sup>2</sup> and Hannah (Street) Raymond, and had :

<sup>1</sup>Jesse Hoyt married, in 1836, Helen M. Demaray, and had Mary Irene.

Mary Hoyt was unmarried.

Samuel N. Hoyt married; had a step-son.

James Henry Hoyt married Sarah E. Petit, and had James (died young) and Mary Nesbitt, who married James Petit of N. J., and had Dorothy and Alice.

Alfred M. Hoyt married, Oct. 20, 1858, Rose E. Reece, a niece of Maj.-Gen. Wm. T. Sherman, and had Florence (Mrs. Dr. Wm. F. Otis); Henry Reece (married Amy Otto, niece of Judge Daly); Alfred (unmarried); Mary (unmarried); John Sherman (married Ethol, daughter of Anson Phelps Stokes of N. Y.); Rosenia (unmarried).

Reuben Hoyt married Rhoda Clark of N. J., and had Jesse; Frank Rogers; Isabel (Mrs. Dr. Bangs, who has a son, Nesbitt Hoyt); Reuben M.

Much of the youth of the daughter of James H. Hoyt, Mary Nesbitt, (Mrs. James Petit) was passed in Norwalk, where she is remembered for her rare good nature.

John Sherman, son of Alfred M. and Rosa E. Hoyt, has chosen "Contentment Island" for a marine-

side home. This is one of the "Norwalk Islands" which has not, to a serious extent, parted with its ancient beauty, and consequently the eye and hand of the artist have here been busy. The "isle" from of old has been a native forest-wild, through breaks in which blue sea views are obtained, while its rosy red reflections at morning and evening are delightful. The structures thereat erected charmingly command Long Island Sound.

Jesse, son of Reuben and Rhoda Hoyt, married Cornelia Baldwin, daughter of John T. and Jeanette Palmer (Baldwin) Waring (see note page 287) of Yonkers, N. Y. John T. Waring, well age-preserved, is of the fifth Norwalk Edmond and Elizabeth (Bouton) Waring or Warren generation (see page 268). Edmond Warren's children scattered somewhat from the father's and mother's Roton domicile, and yet a Warren home-hearth *entourage* to-day will strengthen the belief that the Warren descendants slowly lost their Rowalton love. The recent visits of the venerable John T. Waring to the family cradle have been Norwalk enjoyed.

<sup>2</sup>Eliakim, born Feb. 20, 1720, son of Samuel and





James, born Jan. 11, 1777.

Sally, born Mar. 11, 1778.

James Isaac, born Dec. 20, 1782.<sup>1</sup>

Nancy, born Apr. 24, 1785. (Died young).

Mary, born Dec. 28, 1787. (Mrs. Chas. R. Sherman). (See pages 129, 134).<sup>2</sup>

Hannah, born Jan. 16, 1789. (Mrs. Joseph Keeler, see note page 137).

Charles, born June 9, 1791.<sup>3</sup>

Richard, born July 26, 1793. (Died young).

A HOYT RECORD.

The young John Hoyt<sup>1st</sup>, who was a lad of about nine summers when his father, Walter<sup>1st</sup>, Norwalk-cast his lot, made, at the age of twenty-two, a good choice of a partner. The four New Haven Lindall daughters—see page 121—made four good Norwalk wives, and the sequel to the young Hoyt's "attentions" at the "Towne Streete" home of Rosamond Lindall (now the second Mrs. Nathaniel Richards), was the life-union on Sept. 14, 1666, of John and Mary. The third pledge to crown this union was the birth, Jan. 5, 1674, of a third son, Thomas<sup>1st</sup>. This son became a "Surveyor of the town of Danbury," where he resided until death. To Thomas Hoyt and Daniel Taylor belong the honor of the first "layout" (March 1, A. D., 1711) of the town of Redding to the first grantee of said town (Ephraim Nichols). The grant was made (but not registered) nearly a quarter of a century before.

Isaac, son of Thomas Hoyt<sup>1st</sup>, was, like his father, a Danburian. He was elected in 1775, to "dignify" people, to seat them, that is, in the Danbury church. His second

Elizabeth (Hoyt) Raymond, married, Nov. 20, 1740, Hannah, born Sept. 8, 1722, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Raymond) Street. Nathaniel Street, born Jan. 19, 1693, was son of Lieut. Samuel and Hannah (Glover) Street, which Lieut. Samuel Street, born July 27, 1667, was son of Rev. Samuel and Anna (Miles) Street and grandson of Rev. Nicholas Street, the settler. Mrs. Nathaniel Street (Mary Raymond, born Mar. 15, 1694), who was married Nov. 25, 1719, was the daughter of John<sup>2d</sup> and Elizabeth (St. John) Raymond, and grand-daughter of John<sup>1st</sup> and Mary (Betts) Raymond.

The children of James A., son of James Isaac Hoyt, and grandson of Isaac and Mary (Raymond) Hoyt, are mentioned on pages 298 and 299.

Mary, daughter of Isaac and Mary Hoyt, married Charles Robert, born Sept. 26, 1788, son of Taylor and Elizabeth Sherman, and had (see page 102):

Charles Taylor Sherman;  
Mary Elizabeth Sherman;  
James Sherman;  
Amelia Sherman;  
Julia Sherman;

William Tecumseh Sherman; Maj. Gen. U. S. A.  
Lampson Parker Sherman;  
John Sherman; U. S. Senator;  
Susan Sherman;  
Hoyt Sherman;  
Frances Beecher Sherman.

<sup>3</sup>Charles, son of Isaac and Mary Hoyt married, first, Eliza, born Dec. 28, 1801, daughter of Ebenezer D. and Hulda Hoyt, and had:

Eliza Augusta, born Oct. 20, 1823; unmarried.

Charles Henry, born Sept. 30, 1825; married and had two children.

Charles Hoyt married, second, Mary, born Nov. 3, 1813, sister of his first wife, Eliza, and had:

Mary Louisa, b. June 26, 1836 (Mrs. W. H. Yale);

Adriana Lawrence (Mrs. David B. Seaver), born Jan. 22, 1840; had Adriana;

Douglass, born Mar. 12, 1842.

Harriet, married R. James Nichols, had Chas. Marion; Thomas; Harry; Ethel;

Sherman, born Aug. 18, 1852.

Mrs. Gov. William H. Yale had one son, Hoyt; unmarried.



son, Isaac<sup>2d</sup>, married Amy, daughter of Benjamin Starr. Starr is a Danbury name, but Mrs. Isaac<sup>2d</sup> (Starr) Hoyt was from Redding. Isaac and Amy Hoyt were blessed by the birth of their first son, Benjamin Starr Hoyt, on Aug 23, 1772, which youth had by twelve days passed his twenty-second birthday when he married (Sept. 4, 1794) Anna Wood, born 1774, and a direct descendant of Samuel<sup>2d</sup> and Sarah (Cornwall) Wood of Danbury. Samuel Wood<sup>2d</sup>, son of Dr. Samuel Wood<sup>1st</sup>, was brought up on the splendid Danbury rise of ground known as "Deer Hill", and near where the elevation reaches its crest. The Wood-site at that time beautifully overlooked the country east and west. Its proprietor, Samuel Wood, M. D., was educated abroad, and upon reaching America, was found, temporarily, in Norwalk, in which place he married Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Benedict, Sr. The Dr. removed in 1685-6, to Danbury, which town had just been settled by Norwalk people. Here he was a leading man, and took a deep interest, particularly in the educational work of the new settlement. He lived to see Danbury well started, and died in 1714, bequeathing a fine property to his son, Samuel<sup>2d</sup>, father of the grand old colonial Capt. John Wood and his three brothers, Samuel<sup>3d</sup>, Lemuel and Daniel, and forefather of Mrs. Dr. Benj. Starr Hoyt, the mother on Dec. 27, 1807, of Mrs. Thomas A. Morison, Sr., of Brooklyn, and on April 20, 1815, of the venerable Henry Isaac Hoyt of Norwalk, whose high and honorable citizen-career has won for him the coveted esteem of the community, and whose intelligent interest in the mental and moral welfare of the many over whom, as a large manufacturer, he has sedulously watched, has constituted him a benefactor.

Henry I. Hoyt<sup>2</sup> married, first, Nov. 1, 1838, Anna Maria, daughter of Thomas W. Brown; married, second, Anna Nichols, daughter of Gen. William Nichols of Coopers-town, N. Y.

## HOYT-SMITH DESCENDANTS.

## HOYT.

- Gen. I.—Walter Hoyt.
- " II.—Zerubbabel Hoyt.
- " III.—Daniel Hoyt.
- " IV.—Abigail Hoyt.

## SMITH.

- Gen. I.—Samuel Smith.
- " II.—Killiab Smith.
- " III.—Ebenezer Smith<sup>1st</sup>.
- " IV.—Eliakim Smith<sup>1st</sup>.

Daniel, born Jan. 1, 1681, son of Zerubbabel Hoyt<sup>1st</sup> was twice married. By his

<sup>1</sup>Thomas Henry, son of Thomas A. Morison, originally of New England, married Nov. 17, 1863, Julia A. daughter of Thomas T. and Anna (Peckham) Sheffield of Newport, Rhode Island, and had: Thomas S.; Charles H. (died young—Sept. 10, 1869); Frederick A. (died young—May 24, 1879).

Thomas S. Morison married, June 9, 1886, Florence Belle, daughter of Gilbert and Ann (Merritt) Bogart, and had:

Florence Sheffield, born July 16, 1887.

Pauline, born Nov. 22, 1889.

Thomas S. Morison died Apr. 22, 1894, and his widow married second, Oct. 16, 1897, Archibald, son of Theodore A., and Emily (Childs) Sheffield.

Herbert T. Sheffield, brother of Mrs. Thomas Henry Morison, married Oct. 20, 1887, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Stanton of R. I. No children.

<sup>2</sup>The children of Henry I. and Maria (Brown)





first wife, Elizabeth, he had Abigail, born Jan. 26, 1709, who married Eliakim<sup>1st</sup>, born in Hadley, Mass., Jan. 23, 1704, son of Ebenezer<sup>1st</sup> and Abigail (Bouton) Smith (see page 349).<sup>1</sup> To Eliakim<sup>1st</sup> and Abigail (Hoyt) Smith,<sup>2</sup> was born Mar. 7, 1737, a son, Noah<sup>1st</sup>, who afterward lived on "Noah Smith's Island" (Norwalk Island, 1896). Noah Smith<sup>1st</sup> married Eunice, born July 18, 1742, daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth (Lockwood) Hoyt.<sup>3</sup> David, son of Noah<sup>1st</sup> and Eunice Smith, was the well known Lansingburgh, N.Y., citizen, many years since, of that name. Asa<sup>1st</sup>, brother of David, married, Jan. 16, 1792, Jeruse Knapp.<sup>4</sup>

Hoyt were Henry Downing, born Oct. 30, 1839; Josephine Anna, born Jan. 18, 1842, died young; Frederick Thomas, born Apr. 26, 1844.

The children of the second marriage were Anna Maria, born June 15, 1847 (Mrs. Brent Good); Kate Hamilton, born Sept. 15, 1848 (Mrs. Clarence M. Roof); Augustus Wood, born Jan. 7, 1851; Harriet Stone, born May 14, 1856 (Mrs. William Coley); Frank Ames, born Sept. 5, 1858; Edith Huntington, born Oct. 16, 1864 (Mrs. Anton Hodenpyl).

<sup>1</sup>Ebenezer Smith<sup>1st</sup>, born in Hadley, Mass., July 11, 1663, was a son of Killiab Smith<sup>1st</sup>, who was son of Samuel Smith<sup>1st</sup>, born 1602, who came with Elizabeth, his wife, to this country in 1634. Samuel Smith<sup>1st</sup> came to Windsor, but only transiently remained there. He removed from Windsor to Wethersfield, and from the latter place to Hadley, Mass. He brought with him to this country Samuel<sup>2d</sup>, born 1625, Elizabeth, born 1627, Mary, born about 1630, and Philip, born 1633. Killiab<sup>1st</sup> and John were born in this country. The first was born in 1635, and the second fell, May 30, 1676, in the Hadley Indian attack. Samuel<sup>2d</sup> and Philip, are, it is believed, the two 1680 Hadley "representatives" alluded to by Dr. Wm. Allen on page 740 of Allen's Biographical Dictionary. Killiab<sup>1st</sup>, who married Hannah, daughter of Luke Hitchcock of Wethersfield, Connecticut, was the ancestor of the well known Noah Smith family line of Norwalk. Ebenezer<sup>1st</sup>, the grandfather of Noah Smith<sup>1st</sup>, married Abigail Bouton, daughter of John and Abigail (Marvin) Bouton of Norwalk.

Benajah, born Dec. 8, 1708, son of Caleb and Mehitable (Keeler-widow Blatchley) Hoyt, and grandson of Zerubbabel Hoyt<sup>1st</sup>, married Dinah, born July 8, 1715, daughter of Ebenezer<sup>1st</sup> and Abigail (Bouton) Smith. Their daughter Susannah, baptized Nov. 16, 1740, married, first, Aug. 18, 1757, Hezekiah Green, and second, Ebenezer Crofoot, and their daughter Mehitable, baptized Oct. 24, 1742, married Nathan, son of Matthew Fitch<sup>1st</sup> (see page 219).

<sup>2</sup>Martha, born Jan. 3, 1728, the oldest child of Eliakim<sup>1st</sup> and Abigail (Hoyt) Smith, and sister of Noah, married Ebenezer<sup>1st</sup>, born 1729, son of John<sup>2d</sup>, and Abigail (Blakesley) Nash. Mr. Nash was three times married, (see note page 343).

<sup>3</sup>Nathan Hoyt<sup>1st</sup>, born Apr. 29, 1718, was the son of Daniel Hoyt<sup>1st</sup>, who was son of Zerubbabel<sup>1st</sup>, who was son of Walter the Norwalk settler. Nathan<sup>1st</sup> married twice. His first wife was Elizabeth, born it would seem May 23, 1721, and daughter of Joseph<sup>1st</sup> and Mary (Wood) Lockwood.

<sup>4</sup>The children of Asa<sup>1st</sup> and Jeruse (Knapp) Smith were:

Noah<sup>2d</sup>, born May 17, 1794.

Stephen, born Mar. 16, 1796.

Asa E., born Oct. 1, 1798.

Rufus R., born Mar. 12, 1801 (unmarried).

Henry Whitlock, born Aug. 4, 1803.

Doctor S., born May 22, 1805 (Sydney).

George E., born Feb. 20, 1807.

Ward B., born Aug. 20, 1809.

Eliza Jane, born July 8, 1812.

Noah Smith<sup>2d</sup> married, first, Feb. 9, 1815, Esther Crofoot (see page 288) and second, Angeline Foot. He was thrice married, and had Amelia E., Sarah C., Giles C., George A., Jeruse A., Charles S., Mary B., Catharine, William R., Matilda P., Noah, Eugene, Henry C., Ward B.

Stephen Smith married, Oct. 20, 1816, Polly Betts, and had Mary Platt (Mrs. Edw. Stone); Burr R. (unmarried); LeGrand; Anna B. (unmarried); Harriet E. (Mrs. Charles A. Maybury, first, and second, Mrs. Charles F. Osborn); Isaac B. (unmarried); J. Kemper (unmarried).

Asa E. Smith and Ann M. Brown (daughter of Jedediah and Rebecca Brown) married, Sept. 11, 1823, had, Amanda (died young); Amanda G. (Mrs. W. T. Smith); Theodore E.; Asa; Louisa C. (died young); Anna L. (died young); Josephine F. (died young); Elbert W.; Howard H.; Harriet G. (died young) Anna Frances (Mrs. Thos. L. Peck).

Henry W. Smith married Feb. 29, 1824, Elizabeth, born Oct. 28, 1805, daughter of Stephen and Rachel B. (Hickok) Camp, and had Caroline Ellen, born Jan. 30, 1825 (Mrs. William Curtice Hinman first, and second, Mrs. Lawrence Proudfoot Mott); Elizabeth Camp, born Nov. 26, 1826 (Mrs. Curtiss Rood, first, and second, Mrs. David M. Platt); Stephen Henry, born Aug. 29, 1828 died June 4, 1896; Emily, born Oct. 11, 1830 (died young); Frances Marion, born Dec.



Eunice, daughter of Noah Smith,<sup>1st</sup> married, Mar. 1, 1787, Samuel,<sup>1</sup> son of Esaias Bouton, and her sister Betsy married, Feb. 14, 1792, Absalom Day<sup>2</sup> born May 15, 1770.

Noah and Eunice Smith had also a son Charles and daughter Jane (Mrs. Hoyt). Mrs. Noah Smith<sup>1st</sup> married, second, Samuel Pearsall of Fairfield.

30, 1832; Margaret Celina, born Aug. 9, 1834 (Mrs. Benj. Franklin Morgan); Harriet Emily, born June 13, 1836 (Mrs. Alfred Jackson); Sarah, born Apr. 21, 1840 (died young); Homer Burr, born Jan. 12, 1843 (died young); Irene Louisa, born Sept. 3, 1846 (Mrs. Rufus A. Fillow).

Doctor S. Smith married, Sept. 9, 1829, Julia Ann Riley of Troy, N. Y., and had Maria E., Rufus R., Isabella, Sydney S., Riley, Julia, Charles, Lizzie.

George E. Smith married, Jan. 23, 1827, Mary E. Hoyt, and had George W.; Jane E.; Sydney; Edgar; William; Henry.

Ward B. Smith married, May 8, 1836, Maria Beecher, and had Agnes; Thomas H.; Jefferson; Wallace B.; Theodore; Francis; Purvis.

Eliza Jane Smith married, May 9, 1832, George W., son of Joseph St. John, and had Charles F.; Theodore E.; Ferdinand R.; Homer S.; Le Grand S.; Herman M.

<sup>1</sup>The children of Samuel and Eunice (Smith) Bouton were Phoebe, born Mch. 14, 1788 (Mrs. Ira Ford); Abbie, born July 24, 1790 (Mrs. Walter Hoyt); Hannah Smith, born Dec. 4, 1792 (Mrs. Aaron Gregory Hoyt); Esaias, born July 18, 1796; Mary Ann (unmarried).

Hannah Smith Bouton married, Jan. 14, 1809, Aaron Gregory, born Sept. 2, 1784, son of John and Ruth (Gregory) Hoyt and brother of Susan (Mrs. Matthew Wilcox). Samuel Bouton, son of Esaias and Phoebe, and father of Hannah Smith Bouton (Mrs. Aaron G. Hoyt), lived first, it seems, at the head of "Witch Lane", and opposite the small Bouton burial enclosure thereat. Here his children were, probably, brought up. He afterwards removed to the old Middlesex road, beyond Flax Hill (West Street, South Norwalk, 1896). Hannah S., after her marriage, lived on what was, a few years since, the New York Holy Trinity Home on Roton Hill. She was a woman of energy even in later life. At the age of seventy she herself

cut down a tree on her premises. The children of Aaron G. and Hannah S. Hoyt were Mary Esther (Mrs. Geo. W. Jennings); Emily Bouton; Harriet Amelia (Mrs. James M. Hoyt); Ira Ford; Walter Griffing.

Ira Ford, son of Aaron G. and Hannah S. Hoyt, married Nov. 27, 1845, Mary Bell of N. J. and lived in the finely shaded home on Roton Hill, a few rods south of his father's home. His children were Frances Elizabeth; Oliver Perry; Samuel Wixon; Mary Esther; Ira Mortimer; William Griffing; Annie Josephine; Edward Everett; Harry Hubbell and Dudley Ely.

<sup>2</sup>The children of Absalom Day\* (of Chatham, N. J. later of Norwalk), were: Susanna (Mrs. Chas. Saunders), born Dec. 1, 1793; Absalom George, born Sept. 16, 1796 (married, Oct. 25, 1818, Mary Ann, daughter of James and Esther (Camp) Fitch); Noah Smith, born Sept. 27, 1798 (married, first, Elizabeth Chapman, and second, Elizabeth Price); Amanda, born Mar. 29, 1801 (married, first, John Smith, and second, Chas. Peck); Eliza (Mrs. William Raymond Hazlitt), born Nov. 25, 1803; Mary (Mrs. Eli Reed), born Feb. 11, 1806; Jane<sup>1st</sup>, born Oct. 10, 1808 (died young); Chas., born Apr. 22, 1810 (married Mary daughter of Nathan and Esther (St. John) Beers); Ward Smith, born May 12, 1812 (died unmarried at the age of twenty-three); Jane<sup>2d</sup>, born Apr. 6, 1815 (died unmarried); Caroline (Mrs. Jesse Seales) born July 5, 1818.

Absalom George and Mary Ann (Fitch) Day had eleven children, the second of whom, Burwell Fitch<sup>1st</sup>, born Apr. 1, 1821 is the 1896 occupant of the new East Avenue Day premises a little north of the old "Oyster Shell Point" path. Mr. Burwell F. Day<sup>1st</sup>, married, March 4, 1851, Clarissa Ann, daughter of Capt. Francis and Nancy (Fitch) Hoyt, and had, Halsey; Ella Hoyt; Burwell Fitch<sup>2d</sup>; Nancy Fitch; Mary Anne.

Mrs. Burwell F. Day<sup>1st</sup>. (Clarissa Ann Hoyt) is a grand-daughter of Josiah Hanford Fitch the children

\*Absalom Day, an earthenware manufacturer, lived where now stands the Donovan Block, S. W. cor. of Washington and Water Streets, South Norwalk, near which home was "ye olde well", a spring from which modern South Norwalk derived its early name. Mr. Day's garden extended well towards the (1838) Marvin Bros. new P. O. building in Washington Street. West of the garden Algernon E. Beard built (later the T. L. Peck house) and founded a substantial and influential family. He subsequently removed to the slightly crest where now resides his son Edward. West of the Beards stood the Chichester house. On the north side of the street, near the *Sentinel* office lived Capt. Nash, a brother of Capt. Daniel K. East of Capt. Nash resided Nathaniel and Dolly (Wood) Raymond. The habitation

of the Raymonds (gr. uncle and aunt to Maj.-Gen. W. T. Sherman), may be seen to-day. The building, now dilapidated, contrasts strangely with its neighboring pretentious business structures, nevertheless, neatness, coziness and comfort there, doubtless, had a seat when the soldier-father (twenty-two years old when the Revolution broke out) did patriot duty. Next east of Nathaniel Raymond was the still existing (Becker in 1860) Geo. Day home. Cornelius Vanderbilt and the Pecks wharfed their boats at the Day dock, where wood in quantities was stored for steamer use.

It is an additional memory of days ago that, at the south end of the old Commodore Vanderbilt pier, shad (once to the number of thirty-six) were occasionally seine-snares.



*HOME-LOT XXX.*

THOMAS BENEDICT.

Norwalk had fifteen years history behind it when, selecting the colony of Conn. for his future residence, Thomas Benedict, Sr., left Long Island, and, accompanied by his wife Mary, and sons John, Samuel, James and Daniel, and daughters Betty, Mary, Sarah and Rebecca, came, in 1665, to the new settlement. His first-born, Thomas<sup>2d</sup>, who had recently married into a Norwalk family, soon appears upon the scene. Although about all the available "home division" lots had, at the Benedict coming, been appropriated, still was there, at the southwest of the "parade ground", and on the other side of the street, a small undisposed-of tract, which, lying along the "Fayerfelde road", and in a good neighborhood, Mr. Benedict pitched upon, having evidently prevailed upon the adjoining proprietors (Thos. Hanford on the east, Richard Holmes on the south and John Bouton on the west) to surrender portions of their own properties (two acres in all) sufficient to afford himself the average size "four acre" homestead. Here was, unquestionably, built the first Benedict dwelling, within which was housed a family circle, the members of which were a contribution to the substance, sense and strength of the growing plantation. Grants in diverse sections of the township were made to Thomas Benedict, Sr., to whom the honors of public office were continuously offered until, after his quarter-century's Norwalk life he was gathered, in 1689-90, to his fathers.

Thomas Benedict<sup>2d</sup>, oldest son of Thomas<sup>1st</sup>, who had by about one year preceded his father to the tomb, left five daughters, but only one son, Thomas<sup>3d</sup>, whose destiny it was to perpetuate the Thomas Benedict line. Thomas<sup>2d</sup>, who in 1665 or '66, brought hither his bride (Mary, daughter of Andrew Messenger of Jamaica, L. I., and afterward of Norwalk) bought, in 1669, the "Fenn" homestead, which bordered the "coaste banke" in the rear of the present upper Osborn Avenue. The head of this home, like his parent, served the public. He was a surveyor, and himself and father-in-law (Andrew Messenger) were heavy "commonage" proprietors. He lived to see his only son, Thomas<sup>3d</sup>, reach almost to man's estate, but not long enough to be present when said son married, on May 13, 1697, Rachel, daughter of Samuel Smith and grand-daughter of Matthew Marvin, Sr. This Thomas<sup>3d</sup>, known as "Ensign" Thomas Benedict, was a surveyor also, and for several terms Selectman. He lost his first wife in 1737, and married, second, a Knapp of Danbury, by whom there was no issue. The second child of Thomas<sup>3d</sup> and Rachel Benedict, Thomas<sup>4th</sup>, born Oct. 29, 1701, married, May 21, 1725, Deborah, daughter of Jonathan Waters of Long Island. Thomas<sup>4th</sup> was the builder of the to-day remembered West Avenue Benedict house which stood in that part of the large meadow through which the present Maple Street has been laid out, and which was the contemplated site, twenty

of which Josiah H. Fitch were Lucretia (Mrs. Samuel Dascam); Jonathan; Theodicia (died young); Nancy (Mrs. Francis Hoyt); Lewis (of New Haven); Hanford (died a lad); William (of Michigan); Mary

(Mrs. Jonas Platt Conklin); George (of New Haven); Horace (married a daughter of Eseck Kellogg of Norwalk and resided in New Haven). Descendants of Lucretia and Nancy are Norwalk citizens to-day.





odd years ago, of an Episcopal Chapel.<sup>1</sup> Hannah,<sup>2</sup> daughter of Thomas<sup>4th</sup>, who was born in the old Benedict house just referred to, married John Carter of Clapboard Hill, New Canaan. Her brother, Thomas<sup>5th</sup>, succeeded to the Norwalk home. This brother, born Feb. 25, 1725, was married Jan. 4, 1758, by Rev. Moses Dickinson, to Hannah, daughter of Capt. John Raymond, and a great-grand-daughter of Rev. Thomas Hanford. He was a "merchant" and the father of Thos. Benedict<sup>6th</sup>, whom the older members of the Norwalk community call to-day to mind. This Thomas<sup>6th</sup> was about fourteen years old at the date of Tryon's invasion. He had been either in "The Neck" or out in some of the Benedict fields, harvesting, on the Saturday on which the British crossed the Sound bent upon the burning of the town. It is possible that his father had companied with him, and that both hastened home when, just before night, the enemy's fleet approached the coast. The family, consisting of (besides the father and son referred to) the mother and her three daughters—Hannah, Deborah and Catharine—aged respectively twenty, eighteen and sixteen, were taken to a place of safety (Belden Hill) and the household goods put out of harm's way.

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<sup>1</sup>The idea of a Chapel to belong to St. Paul's parish, and to be located on or near the Benedict West Avenue lot was entertained, at one time, by the Le-Grand Lockwood family.

<sup>2</sup>Hannah and Deborah, daughters of Thomas<sup>4th</sup>. and Deborah (Waters) Benedict married respectively, John Carter and Abijah Comstock of Canaan Parish. The influence of these two potential women was and is an abiding power. John Carter, born Feb. 22, 1730, son of Ebenezer and Hannah (St. John) Carter, was three and twenty years old when he wedded Hannah Benedict, who was born Dec. 13, 1733. The Carters were a staunch, solid folk. Their American progenitor was Samuel, born in London, England, about 1665, who twelve years later (1677) came to America and nine years still further on was found in Deerfield, Mass. Here he married, first, Dec. 4, 1690, Mercy Brooks, who bore to him, Samuel<sup>2d</sup>, Mercy, John, Ebenezer, Thomas and Mara. The first Mrs. Samuel Carter died Jan. 22, 1701, and the widower married, second, Hannah Weller, and had: Joseph and Hannah. The Deerfield Carter life was one of vicissitude. On Feb. 29, 1703, the Deerfield settlement was attacked by a Canadian French and Indian foe, and Samuel Carter lost, by death and capture, his entire household. The mother was murdered as she was ice-crossing the Connecticut River, and Thomas, Mara and Hannah also were slain. The other children were taken into captivity. The father broke up the desolated home in Deerfield and came to Norwalk. Here he married third, Jan. 25, 1705-6 Louis, born 1669, daughter of Mark St. John of Home-lot iii (see page 94). Shortly after this marriage, to the joy of Samuel Carter's soul, his captive boy, Ebenezer, now ten years old,

reached Norwalk and "was delivered safe and sound into the hands of his father". This boy made the acquaintance of Hannah (daughter of Matthias) St. John, whom he married in 1721, and who presented him on Feb. 22, 1730, with their sixth child, John Carter who married Hannah Benedict.

In the history of the Carter family there is much that is consideration-worthy. The household, notwithstanding its early bereavement-baptism, retained a leavening element, the resultant developments of which have been of salutary and happy effect, and stock-furnish the moralist. New Canaan may proudly refer to its Carter founders, and venerate the Carter Street acre which holds the family dust. Into one of that acre's open receptacles, lightened by vernal rays, was lowered, in the spring of 1898, the mortal form of one of the best and most loyal of the Carter blood, Cornelia C., daughter of Thos. and Esther (Greenley) Carter, and wife of Albert Seymour Comstock of New Canaan and New York. The late Mrs. A. S. Comstock, Regent Primus of the New Canaan "Hannah Benedict Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution" was one whose life was a melodious line, and from whose soul issued goodness itself. She took pure delight in plans and performances bearing upon the weal of her native home, "nor change, nor time, nor space, nor deep, nor high" could drive her love New Canaan astray or away.

Deborah Benedict, daughter of Thomas<sup>4th</sup>, and sister of Hannah (Mrs. John Carter) was another New Canaan mother of force. The 1896 Samuel Comstock farm in New Canaan, embracing meadow and orchard and woodland, and home-secure probity and prosperity, reminds of its Norwalk progenitress. This New Ca-



Judging from the facts as narrated in 1847 to Dr. Edwin Hall by Thomas,<sup>6th</sup> and supplemented by one<sup>1</sup> who, in early life, had repeatedly heard the same from the same lips, Thomas<sup>5th</sup>, after taking his wife and four children to safe quarters on Belden Hill, returned with his negro man to ascertain what might further be done to protect his homestead. The British landed on Saturday evening, and there was, probably, hurrying up and down the "old well road", but no military sally-forth until Saturday morning, when Gen. Garth had quite early been action engaged at Flax Hill. As his men marched up the avenue in order to join Tryon's east side forces at the "bridge", it was found that Thomas Benedict<sup>5th</sup> was (from over-work or worry possibly) prostrate in the house and under the care of his faithful negro. Mercy was asked and granted until the enemies' return to their boats at Old Well later in the day. It seems to have occurred to Garth to leave his wounded at the Benedict house. As the record shows, the British, after their France Street engagement, were compelled to beat a hasty retreat, during which Thomas Benedict<sup>6th</sup> declared that a portion of Garth's division stopped at his father's house, took probably their own men, and tossed a leave-taking brand which, however, was put out before damage was done.

Thomas<sup>6th</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>5th</sup> and Hannah Benedict, married, Oct. 8, 1795, Mary, daughter of Phineas Waterbury of Middlesex (now Darien). He lived and died on his father's and grandfather's "orchard lands of long ago". His children were Thomas<sup>7th</sup>, born Oct. 7, 1797; Edwin, born Aug. 10, 1801; Catherine, born Dec. 26, 1806.

Thomas<sup>7th</sup> married, Mar. 26, 1820, Susan, daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Fitch) Betts, and grand-niece of Gov. Thomas Fitch. He had Mary, born Jan. 19, 1821, died young; Thomas<sup>8th</sup>, born June 27, 1824; Elizabeth, born Jan. 5, 1827, died in infancy; Sarah C., born Feb. 10, 1832, married Richard H. Parmelee; Julia W., born Oct. 24, 1839, married, Oct. 27, 1858, Geo. O. Keeler; Edwin, married Mar. 15, 1866, Sarah W., daughter of Roswell A. Raymond.

Thomas Benedict<sup>7th</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>6th</sup> and Mary (Waterbury) Benedict, married twice, but had no children by his second wife.

Thomas<sup>8th</sup>, son of Thomas and Susan (Betts) Benedict, married, Dec. 30, 1852, Cornelia A., daughter of Roswell A. and Sarah (Mead) Weed, and sister of Hon. Smith M. Weed of Plattsburgh, N.Y., and had Thos.<sup>9th</sup>, born Nov. 26, 1863.

Thomas<sup>9th</sup>, son of Thomas and Cornelia (Weed) Benedict, married, Aug. 3, 1886, Margaret, born Nov. 19, 1866, daughter of William and Margaret (McQuhae) Seymour.

Nehemiah Benedict, the third of the four children of Thomas<sup>4th</sup>, married, Dec. 17,

naam estate has been neatly kept. It has not passed out of Comstock hands, but to this day beautifully succors those who honor themselves in loyally preserving, even to the fourth generation, that which was so dear to their foreparents. Mrs. Abijah Comstock's grandmother was the wife of the "layer-out" of "Smiths

Ridge," and her great-grandmother was Mrs. Matthew Marvin Sr. She inherited and transmitted the "head and front" of Norwalk blood.

<sup>1</sup>Charles Marvin of New Haven, formerly of Norwalk, was a lover of the latter town and a connoisseur of its history-facts.





1751, Hannah, daughter of Capt. Samuel Keeler. The Keelers have been identified with the Norwalk of every era, and "Keeler Mill", "Keeler Hollow", "Keeler's Ridge" and "Keeler's Orchard" were well known pre-Revolutionary localities. Nehemiah and Hannah Benedict established themselves in New Canaan, where their daughter Hannah, born Dec. 11, 1759, married, Oct. 14, 1779, a representative man for any place or period, Isaac Richards, whose only child, Hannah B. Richards, was the parent of one of the best and brightest men of New Canaan story, Prof. Samuel St. John, M. D. (see page 123).

#### JOHN BENEDICT LINEAGE.

The young John Benedict came with his parents, in 1665, to Norwalk. Across the meadows to the south of his father's house lay the Cove-side home of John Gregory, whose daughters, Phœbe and Sarah, were destined to become the wives of two of the senior Benedict's sons. John, the second son, married, in 1670, Phœbe Gregory, and the two afterwards made a home for themselves close by that of the groom's parent, and bought later near the present Newtown Avenue rise, a little above St. Paul's Church. At the date of the purchase of this new lot, John, the oldest born, was two years of age. The child grew, married a Hoyt, and before he was thirty years old, was chosen Selectman. This young official had born, in 1716, a son, named Nathaniel, who became a prominent public man and the owner of the finest part of the West Avenue of 1896. His broad acres are now covered by handsome dwellings on the east and west sides of said avenue. Nathaniel's first wife was Mary Lockwood and his second wife Hannah, daughter of Rev. Thomas Hawley of Ridgefield, sister of Mrs. Peter Lockwood and Mrs. Nathan Beers of Norwalk.

William, son of Nathaniel Benedict, married Nancy Fitch, a grand-daughter of Gov. Fitch's youngest brother, James, and great-grand-daughter of Mr. William Haynes. William and Nancy Benedict had daughters Anna (who married a Lockwood), Charlotte (who married Jeremiah Camp),<sup>1</sup> Susanna (who married James I. Hoyt),<sup>2</sup> Sally (who married Daniel Smith), Esther (who married Edward Smith),<sup>3</sup> Fanny (who married Seth Wiliston Benedict),<sup>4</sup> Mary (who married George Brown), and Deborah (who married George Scribner). They owned a goodly portion of the present Knight Street, and sold, on Aug. 15, 1785, his house lot to Dr. Jonathan Knight.

Nathaniel Benedict's youngest child, John, who was a lad of nine when the British destroyed the family home, married Jane, daughter of Capt. Samuel Raymond, whose father died a few days after the town was burned. John and Jane's second son was Rev. Henry Benedict of fond memory, whose son, E. Cornelius Benedict, born Jan. 24, 1834, across the Croton, in Westchester County, has now a residence at Indian Harbor, Greenwich, (see note page 214).

<sup>1</sup>Father of Mrs. Charles F. Raymond of Knight Street.

<sup>2</sup>Father of James A. Hoyt, deceased.

<sup>3</sup>Father of William D. Smith and grandfather of William H. Smith.

<sup>4</sup>Father of Mrs. LeGrand Lockwood, deceased.



In the burying ground at the head of the Ridgefield Street stands a tombstone bearing the following inscription:

" HERE LIES INTERRED  
THE BODY OF  
JAMES BENEDICT."

The tomb's tenant was born in, it is probable, the new John Benedict home of 1675, a few furlongs to the north of the Norwalk St. Paul's Church of 1896. This home at that day was in the Norwalk suburbs, a long distance from church and school, which may account for the lad's spending a goodly portion of his earlier days with his grandparent, the widow of Thomas Benedict, Sr., who lived close by both church and school. He had enjoyed, evidently, the tuition of an old Norwalk and Greenwich master, Thomas, son of Rev. Thomas Hanford, Sr., and at the age of twenty-three united with several of his grandparents Norwalk neighbors in purchasing from the Indian Catonah, the magnificent tract now known as Ridgefield. A twelve-month after this purchase he married into the family of one of the Norwalk braves who gallantly defended the colony against the red men, Sarah, daughter of Thomas Hyatt, and husband and bride at once identified themselves with the now Lenox of Connecticut, Ridgefield in this County, within the soil of which their ashes are urned.

The grandson of this worthy Norwalk-Ridgefield pair, Joel, a Nassau Hall man, afterward Rev. Joel Benedict, D. D., "a great man in Israel", was the father of Mrs. President Eliphalet Nott of Union College, N. Y., and the grandfather of the second wife of Rt. Rev. Dr. Alonzo Potter, Bishop of Pennsylvania. This estimable lady, Sarah, daughter of Esquire Robert Benedict of Richfield Springs, N. Y., was the step-mother of Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry C. Potter, and of his brother, Rev. Dr. Eliphalet N. Potter, late President of Hobart College, N. Y., (see page 133).

#### PRO PATRIA.

A little east of the outlet of the stream which spends itself in the salt water inlet heading where the Norwalk Tramway Co. finds, in 1896, its Stamford terminus at the foot of Noroton Hill, stood, on the highway, one hundred and sixteen years ago, the home of sufferers in the cause of American liberty. Phineas Waterbury and Elizabeth Lounsbury,<sup>1</sup> his wife, with a brave boy, Nathan, just out of his teens, and three or four

<sup>1</sup>Elizabeth Lounsbury (Mrs. Phineas Waterbury), daughter of Monmouth<sup>2d</sup> and Jemima Lounsbury, was of tall figure, very erect even in age, and although sprightly and cheerful, was of quiet, almost Quaker-like taste. Her home (north side of Connecticut turnpike, 1896, a short distance east of the Noroton cove and stream mentioned in the text), was the fond visiting spot of her daughter Mary (Mrs. Thos. Benedict<sup>6th</sup>), while her daughter Sarah (mother of the late

Isaac Selleck, Sr. of East Norwalk) graphically told of its maternal head. Phineas, born Feb. 18, 1773, a younger brother of Mary and Sarah, was for a time connected with a New York ship-yard; while Noah, born Aug. 2, 1775, and a lad of some six or seven when his brother Nathan was killed, was first a Southern sailing-master, and afterwards became a man of means, and a founder of families of distinction to-day. He married a widow lady, whose son, Wm. McKin-



younger brothers, and two or so sisters, made up the family. Norwalk had been burned, Rev. Moses Mather was captivity-doomed, the enemy well understood how to harass the shore dwellers, and the liberty and loyalty loving Waterbury's were in danger. The father was prisoner-destined, and the oldest boy, Nathan, served in the coast-guard. Night shrouded Shippan and settled over Noroton when the ear within caught the sound of discharging musketry and heard footstep-pattering along the King's road-way. Elizabeth's Nathan had fallen and was brought home dead. Thought may rank speech but feeling, elsewhere than in art, ranks both. In Elizabeth Waterbury's bleeding home honors at that awful hour were indeed laid low and hope had well nigh flown, but still "over against" her martyr-hearthstone Time's iron pen has deterringly written "Ichabod".

Mary, the fifteen summer's child when Nathan was shot, lived to tell of her mother's daring during said Mary's long age-tarry with her daughter, the faithful Catharine Benedict, of the old Benedict home which was planted on the West Avenue of 1896. The sister of Mary—Sarah—was the grandmother of the recent "Selleck Brothers" (Isaac, Geo. W., Henry S., a firm of Norwalk business repute) and Frank, and great-grandmother of the late young Clarence (son of Geo. W.) Selleck, whose art sketches and published letters while abroad were indicative of present attainment, and argued much of promise for the future.

Noah, a younger child of Elizabeth, and brother of Nathan Waterbury, has descendants, in 1896, who are commercially, civilly and socially metropolis-prominent; while Mrs. Rev. Henry S. Barnum,<sup>1</sup> a grand-niece whose life is nobly spent among the Constantinople Christians, and the legal Theodore and S. H. Fitch of Broadway, N. Y., as well as Hon. Phineas C. Lounsbury<sup>2</sup> and his brother George E., of unimpeachable integrity, and the 1898 Connecticut Commonwealth Governor-elect, are of the same Lounsbury progenitor's blood.

ney, was a midshipman with Commodore Lawrence when the hero bade, in death, his men to stand by *The Chesapeake*. Lawrence Waterbury, son of Noah, started the great Long Island Cordage Establishment, which is headed to-day by his son, James M. Waterbury, whose home is at one of the choicest East River and Long Island Sound residential sites—Throgg's Neck.

Among the noticable Norwalk-kept war and other relics are the parchment commission executed by Gov. Thomas Fitch to Lieut. David Waterbury, born Feb. 12, 1722, son of John and Susanna (Newkirk) Waterbury, and which, singular to say, was accidentally found in a small trunk of papers belonging to a West Avenue, 1896, Benedict descendant; and also a musket (Damasus barrel) which was the property of midshipman William McKinney (step-son to Noah, son of Phineas and Elizabeth (Lounsbury) Waterbury), which said midshipman (afterward U. S. Navy officer) McKinney presented to Thomas Benedict<sup>7th</sup>, and

which has now fallen to Thomas Benedict<sup>9th</sup>, of the New York Sub-Treasury. So highly was this piece valued by its first Benedict owner that he had a small closet made, over the fire-place, in his welcome home-seat at the ancient "Tide Mill" (now architect Randall's East Norwalk water-side residence) as a receptacle for the rare piece, which is known as "Old Algerine".

<sup>1</sup>Elizabeth Lounsbury, born Sept. 6, 1746, or perhaps more correctly June 2, 1745, had a brother Monmouth<sup>2d</sup>, born July 31, 1748, who married, April 8, 1770, Sarah Davenport. Monmouth<sup>2d</sup>. and Sarah Lounsbury had John Davenport Lounsbury, born May 5, 1792, who was of the old-time Winnipauk Mills firm of Lounsbury, Bissell & Co.

<sup>2</sup>Nathan Lounsbury<sup>2d</sup>. (father of ex-Governor Phineas C. and Governor-elect (1898) George E. Lounsbury, and also of their three sisters, Matilda (Mrs. Francis E. Quintard), Sarah, and Ann Eliza (Mrs. Joel Rockwell of Ridgefield), and brother Wil-





## HOME-LOT XXXI.

MATTHEW MARVIN, JR.

As the proprietor of this home-lot has, necessarily as well as naturally, name-connection with his father, Matthew Marvin<sup>1st</sup>, of home-lot x, reference is made to this latter home-lot description on page 150. From Matthew Marvin, Jr., of the home-lot under treatment directly descend the 1896 "Marvin Brothers" of East Norwalk. Samuel Marvin<sup>1st</sup>, (Representative to General Court) son of Matthew Marvin<sup>2d</sup> or Jr., had a son Matthew, born 1702. This son married Elizabeth Clark (see pages 151-2-3), and had Ozias, born Jan. 29, 1737, who married Nov. 26, 1761, Sarah, daughter of Joseph Lockwood. To Capt. Ozias and Sarah Marvin was born, Dec. 11, 1772, a son (named for his grandfather), Joseph Lockwood Marvin, who was the grandfather of the present brothers J. R. and W. E. Marvin, whose line runs thus :

- Gen. I.—Hon. Matthew Marvin<sup>1st</sup>.
- " II.—Matthew<sup>2d</sup> and Mary Marvin.
- " III.—Samuel and Hannah (Platt) Marvin.
- " IV.—Matthew and Elizabeth (Clark) Marvin.
- " V.—Ozias and Sarah (Lockwood) Marvin.
- " VI.—Joseph L. and Clarissa (Meeker) Marvin.
- " VII.—William and Amanda (Raymond) Marvin.
- " VIII.—Josiah R. and William E. Marvin.

(See pages 151 and 152).

## HOME-LOT XXXII.

DANIEL KELLOGG.

This settler has Norwalk registry in 1655. He came, it is probable, either at or about the time of the arrival of the other settlers, and seems to have been a splendid specimen of physical development (see note page 273). He had been in Norwalk a few years when he married, about 1661, Bridget, sister of John Bouton<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk. His

liam, was son of Enos, who was son of Nathan<sup>1st</sup>, who was son of Henry, who was son of Richard and Elizabeth (De Bois) Lounsbury, the settlers. Monmouth Lounsbury<sup>2d</sup> (son of Monmouth<sup>1st</sup>), and his sister Elizabeth (Mrs. Phineas Waterbury) were grand-nephew and niece of Henry, from whom Nathan Lounsbury<sup>2d</sup> more immediately sprang. Henry Lounsbury, who married Mercy, born October 30, 1690, daughter of John and Hannah (Mead) Scofield, was also the more immediate Lounsbury foreparent of the **Broadway, N. Y., Fitch Brothers**, mentioned in the text.

The Lounsbury family is claimed to be of Scotch

origin. Richard, the father, appeared first in that portion of the New York province near to which the Norwalk Beldens, in after years, planted themselves. He removed to Rye as early as 1672, where he owned a no mean slice of the territory (Rye was at one time a part of Fairfield County, Conn.,) which was a belonging of the Sachem Ponus, of the Ponus Wekuwuhm, Canaan Parish, and which was probably named for that chieftan, "Peningoe Neck". He then went to Stamford, where his descendants have registration.

"Louns" or Lounds is reputed to signify seclusion, shelter, serenity, and its suffix "bury", a table-elevation or height-level.



home-lot—see page 39—was backed on the east by that of the Marvins and on the west by that of the Fenns, while it south-fronted the residence of his brother-in-law John Bouton<sup>1st</sup>. The children of Daniel and Bridget Kellogg were :

- Mary, born 1662 ; (Mrs. Joseph Platt).
- Rachel, born 1663 ; (Mrs. Abraham Nichols).
- Sarah, born 1665 ; (Mrs. Daniel Brinsmade).
- Elizabeth, born Aug. 1666 ; (died early and unmarried).
- Daniel<sup>2d</sup>, born May 7th, 1671.<sup>1</sup>
- Samuel<sup>1st</sup>, born Feb. 1673.<sup>2</sup>
- Lydia, born April, 1676 ; (Mrs. John Clark).
- Benjamin, born 1678 ; (died, presumably, unmarried).
- Joseph<sup>1st</sup>, born 1678.<sup>3</sup>

Daniel Kellogg died in 1688-9. His will is Fairfield-recorded.

Mary, the oldest child of Daniel and Bridget Kellogg, married, at eighteen—May 5, 1680, Lieut. Joseph, youngest son of Richard Platt<sup>1st</sup> of Milford, and brother of John Platt<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk. Richard<sup>1st</sup> gave his home (still standing, it is believed, near the New Haven and New Milford Tramway Co. tracks at "Woodmont" on the Sound), to his son Joseph, where, it is quite probable, Joseph Platt and his Kellogg bride afterward lived.

Rachel, second daughter of Daniel Kellogg<sup>1st</sup>, married Abraham Nichols, born Jan. 1662, of northern Stratford. Abraham Nichols was son of Caleb Nichols, and his mother was Annie, daughter of Andrew Ward of Fairfield. The Nichols family was well known. Abraham, who found his wife in Norwalk, was the grandson of Francis Nichols, the American ancestor of the Nichols family.

Sarah, the third daughter of Daniel Kellogg<sup>1st</sup>, married Daniel Brinsmade, of the same Stratford locality to which the husband of her sister Rachel (Abraham Nichols) be-

<sup>1</sup>The children of Daniel Kellogg<sup>2d</sup>, were Daniel<sup>3d</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2d</sup>, Eliasaph, John<sup>1st</sup> and Johanna. From Daniel Kellogg<sup>3d</sup>, son of Daniel<sup>2d</sup>, descended his son, Jarvis Kellogg<sup>1st</sup>, born 1731.

<sup>2</sup>Samuel Kellogg<sup>1st</sup>, married, Sept. 6, 1704, Sarah, daughter of John<sup>2d</sup> and Hannah (Clark) Platt, and had Sarah, Samuel<sup>2d</sup>, Mary, Martin<sup>1st</sup>, Abigail, Lydia, Gideon, and Epenetus<sup>1st</sup>.

For last marriage of Samuel Kellogg<sup>1st</sup>, see foot note, page 272.

From Samuel Kellogg<sup>2d</sup>. (son of Samuel<sup>1st</sup>.) descended his daughter Ruth, who married, Oct. 26, 1766, Asa, son of Nathan Hoyt (see note, page 363).

Esther, born Nov. 9, 1769, daughter of Asa and Ruth (Kellogg) Hoyt, married, Feb. 22, 1789, Capt. Moses Gregory, father of Admiral Francis H. Gregory, U. S. N. (see page 84). The Norwalk mentions of the youthful activity of Rear-Admiral Francis H. Gregory suggest the possible semblance on his part to the remarkable physical manhood of his Kellogg

progenitor, Daniel<sup>1st</sup>. Mrs. ex-Gov. Chas. R. Ingersoll (1897) of New Haven (daughter of Admiral Gregory), is of the lineage of several old Norwalk families. Asa, brother of Mrs. Moses Gregory, married Clarissa Crane, and was the father of Capt. Francis Hoyt, who married Nancy Fitch, and had Clarissa Ann (Mrs. Burwell F. Day) of 1896. There were other children also.

The children of Samuel Kellogg<sup>2d</sup>, were Loui, Ann, Ruth (Mrs. Asa Hoyt), Elizabeth, Mary, Esther and Sarah.

<sup>3</sup>Joseph<sup>1st</sup>, son of Daniel<sup>1st</sup> and Bridget (Bouton) Kellogg, married, Nov. 25, 1702, Sarah, daughter of John Plum of Milford, and had: Elizabeth, born Oct. 5, 1703 (Mrs. Daniel Reed); Sarah, born April 5, 1705 (Mrs. Sam'l. Reed); Joseph<sup>2d</sup>, born Sept. 26, 1707; Rachel, born July 15, 1710 (Mrs. William Reed); Hannah, born Aug. 1, 1712 (Mrs. John Ware<sup>1st</sup>).

Mrs. Joseph Kellogg<sup>1st</sup> died Aug. 17, 1712.





longed. Daniel and Sarah (Kellogg) Brinsmade had (Lieut.) Daniel Brinsmade<sup>2d</sup>, born 1687, who was the father, July 31, 1718, of Daniel Brinsmade<sup>3d</sup>. This Daniel<sup>3d</sup>, married Rhoda, daughter of Nathaniel and Rebecca (Burwell) Sherman of New Haven, and had Daniel N., who married Abigail Farrand, and had Daniel B. (Gen.), whose daughter Abigail Irene, married Frederick W. Gunn, the founder of the famous Washington, Conn., educational establishment known as "The Gunnery". This honored institution, beloved by its many pupils, and which has done a noble work, is still carried on by a grandson (John C. Brinsmade) of the seventh generation of Sarah, daughter of Daniel Kellogg<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk. The present John C. Brinsmade married the only daughter of the deservedly notable progenitor of the Gunnery, the late Frederick W. Gunn of Litchfield County.<sup>1</sup>

Elizabeth, the next daughter of Daniel and Bridget Kellogg, reached the period of young womanhood and was the only original Kellogg daughter who was unmarried. She died early, the inventory of her estate having been made Nov. 3, 1690.

EPENETUS KELLOGG<sup>1st</sup>. LINE.

Gen. I.—Daniel<sup>1st</sup>. and Bridget (Bouton) Kellogg.

" II.—Samuel and Sarah (Platt) Kellogg.

" III.—Epenetus<sup>1st</sup>. and Jemima (Rogers) Kellogg.

" IV.—Stephen and Lydia (Bouton) Kellogg.

" V.—Eseck and Maria (Osborn) Kellogg.

Eseck, born Nov. 21, 1786, son of Stephen and Lydia (Bouton) Kellogg, married, March 24, 1811, Maria, born May 26, 1788, daughter of Jacob and Betsey (Jarvis) Osborn, and had:

Betsey Ann, born Dec. 16, 1811; died Jan. 20, 1812.

Margaret Emily, born Nov. 7, 1813; (Mrs. Wm. A. Barlow).

Harriet, born June 21, 1817; (Mrs. Horace Fitch).

Mary Frances, born May 29, 1819; (Mrs. Wm. H. Wheeler).

Caroline, born Aug. 3, 1821; (Mrs. Charles F. Osborn).

Adelia Maria, born Feb. 28, 1824; (Mrs. Calvin S. Wheeler).

Joseph Kellogg<sup>1st</sup>, married, second, Mary, widow of Andrew Lyon, and had David<sup>1st</sup> and Benj.<sup>2d</sup>.

After the decease of Joseph Kellogg<sup>1st</sup>, his widow, Mary, married a Scudder, and lived at Huntington, L. I.

Joseph Kellogg<sup>2d</sup>, married Abigail, daughter of Ebenezer Smith<sup>1st</sup>.

David Kellogg<sup>1st</sup>, married, Feb. 28, 1734, Judith, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Harris) Raymond. David Kellogg<sup>1st</sup>, married, second, March 19, 1751, Hannah Fairchild of Fairfield.

Benj. Kellogg<sup>2d</sup>, removed to Wallingford, Conn.

<sup>1</sup>The children of Daniel<sup>1st</sup>. and Sarah (Kellogg)

Brinsmade were: Mary, born 1684; Daniel<sup>2d</sup>, born 1687; Abigail, born 1691; Samuel, born 1694; Ruth, born 1700. After the decease of Daniel Brinsmade<sup>1st</sup>, his widow married, as his second wife, John Betts of Norwalk. The young Daniel Brinsmade<sup>2d</sup> chose his Betts step-father as his guardian. This youth became afterward Lieut. Daniel Brinsmade, and was father of Daniel Brinsmade, born July 31, 1718, who graduated at Yale (Class of 1745), studied theology, and was the Congregational pastor of Washington, Conn. Rev. Daniel Brinsmade died in 1793, leaving his son, Judge Daniel, born 1751, who was the father of Gen. Daniel B. Brinsmade.



Andrew, born May 1, 1826; died Sept. 4, 1826.

Josiah, born March 28, 1829.

Margaret Emily Kellogg married Wm. A. Barlow, a former organist of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk; Harriet married Horace Fitch<sup>1</sup> of New Haven; Mary Frances married Wm. H. Wheeler; Caroline married, as his first wife, Charles F. Osborn; Adelia Maria married Calvin S. Wheeler, brother of the husband of her sister, Mary Frances.

Josiah, son of Eseck and Maria Kellogg, married, May 8, 1855, Amanda, daughter of Jesse and Ann (Pawling)<sup>2</sup> Morey of Ballston, Saratoga Co., N. Y., and had:

William Morey, born April 23, 1858.

Ann Maria, born April 23, 1860; died Feb. 11, 1861.

Frederick J., born April 23, 1862; died Oct. 28, 1866.

Caroline Maria, born Jan. 23, 1866; died Oct. 14, 1866.

Harriet Louisa, born July 23, 1868; died Sept. 26, 1871.

Frank Pawling, born Oct. 17, 1871.

Stephen Osborn, born Sept. 20, 1877.

William Morey Kellogg married, Jan. 5, 1888, Kathleen, daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Lyon) Bradley, and had William Bradley, born Dec. 5, 1891. Of the brothers and sisters of Wm. M. Kellogg, four—Frederick J., Ann Maria, Caroline M. and Harriet L.—died young, and Frank P. and Stephen O. are unmarried.

Charles F. Osborn, born Sept. 28, 1818, married, first, Mar. 23, 1841, Caroline Kellogg, and second, Apr. 19, 1865, Harriet E., daughter of Stephen and Polly Smith, and widow of Charles A. Maybury. Mr. Osborn had no issue by his first marriage. His only child, Clarence Frederick, born June 13, 1866 (member of the Connecticut Legislature, 1898-9), married, Sept. 23, 1897, Marie, daughter of Christian and Amelia Miller, and had Dwight Jarvis, born Nov. 10, 1898.

Charles F. Osborn was a son of Charles Osborn, born Aug. 17, 1792, who was the fifth child of Jacob and Betsey (Jarvis) Osborn. Jacob Osborn, born in Salem, Westchester Co., N. Y., was a painstaking Town Clerk of Norwalk. His son, Charles was twice married, first to Hulda, daughter of Noah Jarvis, and second, to Mary A. White. Chas. Osborn built the premises now owned by Josiah Kellogg of West Norwalk. He had charge of the Van Rensselaer estate, of New York City, a position in which he was succeeded by his son, Charles F., who was an accurate accountant and an excellent business manager. Chas. F. Osborn left the New York City trusteeship to his brother, George L. and brother-in-law Aaron Hardman, and after returning to Norwalk, held, for twenty-five years, the position of treasurer of St. Paul's Church. He died Feb. 25, 1896.

<sup>1</sup>The children of Horace and Harriet (Kellogg) Fitch were: Horace Kellogg, died young; Emma Frances; Harriet Louise; Anna Maria; Chas. How-

ard; Caroline Blanche. Mr. Fitch once lived South.

<sup>2</sup>Albert Pawling (father of Ann), was the first mayor, appointed by the "Council" of Troy, N. Y.



## JARVIS KELLOGG LINEAGE.

Gen. I.—Daniel<sup>1st</sup>. and Bridget (Bouton) Kellogg.

" II.—Daniel<sup>2d</sup>.

" III.—Daniel<sup>3d</sup>. and Eunice Kellogg.

" IV.—Jarvis Kellogg<sup>1st</sup>. born 1731.

Jarvis<sup>1st</sup>. (son of Daniel<sup>3d</sup>. and Eunice Kellogg), married, first, June 10, 1760, Elizabeth Smith, and is supposed to have built the ancient house, still standing, on the north-east corner of upper Main Street and the Winnipauk road. He is thought to have twice married. His children, however, by his first wife, were Sarah and Jarvis<sup>2d</sup>. Jarvis<sup>2d</sup>, born April 20, 1767, married, Feb. 19, 1792, Mercie,<sup>1</sup> born June 12, 1770, daughter of James and Sarah (Weed) Selleck, and had James Selleck, born Nov. 19, 1792; Sally, born Dec. 3, 1794, died young; Sarah, born July 19, 1796 (Mrs. Joseph Scribner<sup>1st</sup>.); Charles, born June 17, 1800; Lucia, born May 28, 1803 (Mrs. Stephen Stanley); Martin, born July 3, 1808; Charlotte, born Feb. 15, 1811 (Mrs. Linus St. J. Benedict). Some of these children were, it is probable, born in the 1896 John Henry Aiken Main Street home, which was built and occupied by Jarvis Kellogg<sup>2d</sup>. Of the sons, Charles established his home, still in the family, near the "New Canaan Bridge", and Martin resided a little west of the present northwest corner of Main Street and Center Avenue.

## A KELLOGG-JAMES DESCENT.

Hard by where serpentine-wound the Canaan Indian way, denominated from of old, "Ponasses-path", and some two miles northwest of the ancient Whitney Mill (corner of Main and Wall Street, 1896), stood the old-time home of Epenetus Kellogg<sup>2d</sup>. (son of Epenetus<sup>1st</sup>. and Jemima (Rogers) Kellogg). The domicile remained, browned, bent and bowed by very age. Here was born the owner's little daughter Anna, who first saw the light during the autumn before the Norwalk Tryon invasion (Nov. 28, 1778). Anna Kellogg had recently passed her twentieth birthday when her hand in matrimony was sought by a captain in the Southern marine service, Daniel, born Sept. 10, 1773, the third son of Peter and Mercy James. On Jan. 18, 1798, Daniel and Anna were married, and established a home near the commercial center, at that time, of Norwalk.<sup>2</sup> This home, on

<sup>1</sup>Mrs. Jarvis Kellogg<sup>2d</sup>. (Mercie Selleck) was the daughter of James Selleck, born 1742, who was son of David and Mercie (Waterbury) Selleck. Her father, David Selleck, born Dec. 23, 1700, was son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Lockwood) Selleck. Nathaniel Selleck, born April 7, 1678, was son of John and Sarah (Law) Selleck, which John Selleck, born Feb. 21, 1643, was son of David and Susannah Selleck the settlers. Hannah, born June 26, 1776, sister of Mrs. Jarvis Kellogg<sup>2d</sup>, married William, son of Eliphalet and Susanna Lockwood, and father of the late William S. Lockwood of North Avenue, Norwalk.

James Selleck, father of Mrs. Jarvis Kellogg<sup>2d</sup>,

married Sarah, born 1746, daughter of David, Jr. and Mary (Waterbury) Weed.

<sup>2</sup>Ruth, born 1762, older sister of Captain Daniel James, married Stephen, born 1761, son of John<sup>3d</sup>. and Elizabeth (St. John) Abbott. These had two daughters, Elizabeth, born 1787, who married Matthew Middlebrook of Wilton, and Cynthia, who married David Comstock of Norwalk, whose daughter Sarah is the present widow of Samuel Comstock<sup>2d</sup>. of the Comstock New Canaan farm (see page 346). John Abbott<sup>3d</sup>. was son of John<sup>2d</sup>. and Emma (Judd) Abbott.

On Christmas day, 1760, Isaac, son of David and Ruth (Lockwood) Hoyt, and grandson of Caleb and





the hill just east of the 1896 Norwalk "Boston Store", overlooked the harbor, and was convenient to Capt. James' vessel. To the mariner and his partner were born three children: Sally, Aug. 27, 1798; William Kellogg, Sept. 18, 1800, and Mary Esther. The first child, Sally James, married a Keeler, and was a Winnipauk mother, who died quite before she was eighteen; her child also died early.

The second child, William Kellogg James, became one of Norwalk's strong, energetic, enterprising and successful business and banking men. The late William K. James was bred to industry. He read human nature, was an observer of human actions, and quickly discerned the general trend of things. His acquaintance was large, he was a responsible and much respected man, and his reputation as a strict, sage financier was wide. He amassed a handsome property, was a capitalist of integrity and influence, and an unostentatiously liberal and charitable man. The ending years of his life were happily passed with his wife, Maria Philips Selleck, in the substantial residence which he erected (1840) some years before his marriage. He left, at his decease, what is known as the "James Legacy" to St. Paul's Church. He had no children.

The third child, Mary Esther, of Capt. Daniel and Ann (Kellogg) James, married Samuel Hubbell of Wilton.<sup>1</sup>

Mehitable (Blakeley-Keeler) Hoyt, married Phœbe, daughter of John<sup>2d</sup> and Eunice (Judd) Abbott, and great-grand-daughter of George Abbott, the settler. Isaac and Phœbe Hoyt had a son Stephen, born Oct. 25, 1761, who married Althea, daughter of Peter and Mercy James, and sister of Capt. Daniel James. Stephen and Althea Hoyt were the parents of Polly, who married, as his second wife, Ebenezer Church<sup>2d</sup>, who was the father of the late Isaac and Mary Church of Westport Avenue.

Caleb, father of Isaac Hoyt, was son of Zerubabel<sup>1st</sup> (son of Walter Hoyt the settler). Phœbe Abbott was a grand-daughter of John and Ruth Abbott<sup>2d</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>Samuel Hubbell, born July 29, 1799, of Wilton (son of Zadock, born 1756, son of Thaddeus, born 1725, son of Nathan, born 1699, son of Samuel, son of Richard Hubbell the settler), married Mary Esther, daughter of Capt. Daniel and Anna (Kellogg) James, and had:

John William, born July 5, 1828;

Thaddeus Kellogg, born Apr. 14, 1834.

John William, son of Samuel and Mary Esther Hubbell, married first, Jan. 1, 1854, Nancy, daughter of Justus Hoyt, and had:

James Thaddeus, born Mar. 17, 1855.

Mrs. Nancy Hubbell died May 17, 1856, and John W. Hubbell married, second, Emily, born March 21, 1836, daughter of Abijah and Ann (Warren) Adams, and had:

Susie Maria, born Feb. 21, 1866.

Thaddeus Kellogg, son of Samuel and Mary Es-

ther Hubbell, married, April 20, 1864, Helen A. Barnum, and had:

Annie Kellogg, born Apr. 13, 1865.

William Kellogg James, born July 5, 1867.

Helen A. Hubbell died May 16, 1869, and her husband, Thaddeus K. Hubbell, died Aug. 25, 1880.

Hon. James Thaddeus, son of John W. and Nancy (Hoyt) Hubbell, and Mayor, in 1895, of Norwalk, married, June 22, 1888, Mary Clinton, daughter of Rev. Clinton and Mary (Merwin) Clark, and had:

Clinton Clark, born Nov. 13, 1889.

John Samuel, died in infancy.

Helen C., born Apr., 1894.

Susie Maria, daughter of John W. and Emily (Adams) Hubbell, married May 1, 1890, Stanton, son of Ebenezer and Eleanor O. (Gregory) Coley of Westport, and had:

William Stanton, born Dec. 13, 1891.

Emily Eleanor, born Feb. 10, 1897.

Mrs. Justus Hoyt, mother of the first Mrs. John William Hubbell, was a sister of Jonathan, David and Martha Betts, several years since of Winnipauk Avenue, Norwalk.

Edwin Adams of South Norwalk (1896) is youngest brother of Abijah Adams, the father of the second Mrs. John W. Hubbell.

The mother of Mrs. Hon. James Thaddeus Hubbell was Mary, daughter of Rev. Samuel Merwin of New Haven. Rev. Mr. Merwin, born in Milford in 1782, was a Yale graduate of 1802. He was a student of Dr. Timothy Dwight<sup>1st</sup>, and was for over a quarter century a New Haven Congregational pastor. He



## HOME-LOT XXXIII.

JOSEPH FENN.

THOMAS BETTS.

The Fenn family Norwalk connection was transient. Joseph Fenn has record in 1665, at which time William Rusco conveys to him his (Rusco) dwelling house. In 1677-8, this house seems to be transferred by Benjamin<sup>1st</sup>, brother of Joseph Fenn, to Thos. Betts, Jr. Benjamin Fenn, Jr., son of Benjamin<sup>1st</sup>, completed, in 1682, this Fenn-Betts transaction. The Fenns were Milford folk. Joseph and Benjamin<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk were sons of Benjamin of Milford. The line of Benjamin Fenn of Milford is plainly traced. Joseph Fenn of Norwalk was a son of Benjamin of Milford, and (from a Norwalk deed reference) evidently a grandson of Benjamin and Sarah (Baldwin) Fenn of Milford, who were the Fenn Milford settlers. This older Benj. Fenn came, in 1630, to America, and was a colonial Assistant Gov. from 1665 to 1672. His son Benj. made his will in 1683, and gave the Norwalk property which had belonged to Joseph Fenn, then deceased, to Benj. Fenn, Jr. Joseph Fenn's estate was inventoried in 1671.

For Betts record, see home-lot xiii, page 225.

married a daughter of Col. Timothy Taylor of Danbury, and had, among other children, Timothy T. Merwin (of the Norwalk bar of some fifty years ago), who married Hannah B., daughter of Ephraim Moss and Charity (Tucker) White of Danbury. The Taylor, Merwin and White stock was principle-titled, and the Norwalk North Avenue Merwin home was one of elevated aims and standards. While two of the Richard P. Hart daughters, Elizabeth H. (Mrs. Hon. John A. Griswold), and Jane (Mrs. Doughty) of Second Street, Troy, N. Y., were at school in Norwalk their home was with Mr. and Mrs. Merwin. Mr. Merwin was a gentleman of legal parts and prestige and Mrs. Merwin a lady of charming cultivation. One of their children was the late Augustus, who married a daughter of Prof. Edward Olmstead of Wilton.

Charles H. Merritt, a Troy business man of note, married into the same White family. Mrs. Merritt was a lady who made her Troy hearth-stone, at the corner of Second and State Streets, a prized spot to the family members and who extended a welcome to her visitor. Her son Charles is the present occupant of the ancestral home in Main Street, Danbury.

Mercy, an older, probably the oldest, child of Peter and Mercy James, married, May 20, 1781, Aaron Keeler, whose daughter Laura married Carmi, son of Michael Lockwood<sup>2d</sup>, and father of Edward Keeler Lockwood of 1896 (see page 117).

## KELLOGG-JOTTING.

Samuel Kellogg<sup>1st</sup>. (see sub-note page 272 and note page 372), survived his last (Hickox) marriage

nineteen months and four days, and was laid to rest in the "Town House Hill" Cemetery, where to-day stands his legibly-inscribed tombstone. It is possible that his last wife, who was a Selleck and Hickox progenitress of remark, was laid near him, but there is no evidence of the same. His father is looked upon as having been a French protestant and his descendants have been many.

John Kellogg<sup>1st</sup>, son of Daniel Kellogg<sup>2d</sup>, married, Jan. 1, 1729-30, Ann, daughter of Samuel Coley of Fairfield, and had: Ezra, Mary (Mrs. Robert Smith Jr.); Ann (Mrs. Elnathan Knapp of Danbury); John; Seth. Mrs. Robert Smith Jr. appears to have been the daughter-in-law of Robert<sup>1st</sup> and Judith (Fountain) Smith (see pages 186 and 263). After the decease of John Kellogg<sup>1st</sup>, the widow married James Hayes and lived in Danbury.

Martin Kellogg<sup>1st</sup>, born March 23, 1711, son of Samuel<sup>1st</sup>, had four sons—Eliphalet, Martin, Jr., Samuel and Nathan. He died July 7, 1756, and his wife, who was his junior by six years, overlived him twenty-seven years. His son, Martin, purchased a farm in New Fairfield, Mar. 13, 1773, and then left Norwalk. His wife was Mercy, daughter of James and Mercy (Knapp) Benedict of Danbury, which Jas. Benedict was the gr.-grandson of Thos. Benedict<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk. Martin and Mercy Kellogg had a son Martin, born Sept. 3, 1763, who was a Norwalk boy of some ten years when his parents quit this town and removed to their one hundred and ten "apple trees" acres in New Fairfield. The lad Martin reached majority, and on Sept. 15, 1785, married Rachel Stevens,



## HOME-LOT XXXIV.

THOMAS BENEDICT, Jr.

When, two-and-a-quarter centuries ago, Thomas Benedict, Jr.,<sup>1</sup> the second of his name in Norwalk, stood in his cottage, a little south of Oyster Shell Point, and from one of its river-view windows looked across the water, he perhaps hardly dreamed that it was to fall to his own blood soon to possess a no mean portion of the westward upland and lowland country upon which his eyes rested. The hill based by "Ponasses Path" (back to-day of the Armory), and extending as far as the "Great Swamp" on the Stamford road, was anon to bear his family name and be called "Benedict's Hill", while upon the present Maple Street was to be built, by his grandson, a structure which would perpetuate the family story down into the yon half of the nineteenth century.

who bore to him, Sept. 12, 1786, a son Ira, who lived to marry, Jan. 29, 1812, Flora Rogers of the New Fairfield (Rogers) family (see page 108).

Martin Kellogg, father of the present Jarvis Kellogg of Center Avenue, was a son of Jarvis<sup>2d</sup>. and Mercie (Selleck) Kellogg. His sister, the venerable Mrs. Stephen Stanley, now survives a husband who attained to a noble and much respected age.

A grandson of Charles, brother of Martin, and son of Jarvis Kellogg<sup>2d</sup>, married the oldest child, Anne Adele Walton, of Rev. Alexander and Adele Walton (Livermore) Hamilton, now of Norwalk. This fair descendant (Mrs. Gilvia Burr Kellogg) of Secretary Alexander and Elizabeth (Schuyler) Hamilton (see page 331), faded early away, but bequeathed a fragrant memory-legacy.

<sup>1</sup>The fourth brother of Thomas Benedict, Jr., Daniel<sup>1st</sup>, was young when his father came from Long Island to Norwalk. Directly across the street from the Benedicts (Fort Point Street 1896, some few hundred feet west of East Avenue) lived Mary Marvin, also a mere child, daughter of Matthew Marvin, Jr.

Daniel<sup>1st</sup> and Mary grew up together, and early in life married each other. The husband was a patriot, and as the Indians were thorns in the sides of the New England settlers, he resolved to help put down the savage foe. We consequently find him in the Indian engagement of Dec. 19, 1675, known in history as the "Direful Swamp fight", and so pleased was the town of Norwalk with his demeanor on that occasion, that a grant of land, near what is now West Avenue, was voted him in recognition of his services. While he was yet in full strength, the town of Danbury had been projected, and himself and wife sold their Norwalk property, packed up everything, and started upon their tedious trip thither. Keeping, it is possible, along the river's valley, and passing "Split Rock", they drove through "Pimpewaugh" and over the hill-path northeast of "Nod", and then diverging, possibly to the left, continued across a level

which conducted, after a half-dozen miles, to a chasm road, from both sides of which, if old mentions are true, wild cats jumped "clean" across the way, and in the broken plain at the northern foot of which already lived Daniel's two brothers, Samuel and James.

Daniel<sup>2d</sup>, son of Daniel<sup>1st</sup>, married Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Taylor, one of the Norwalk settlers of Danbury. Matthew, second son of Daniel<sup>2d</sup>. and Rebecca, wedded a young woman from the "Still River" country, sixteen miles to the northeast of Danbury (Mabel, daughter of John Noble of New Milford). These two had a son (Capt. Noble Benedict, born Jan. 25, 1735), who raised, in the Revolutionary war, a company in Danbury, among the first to enlist in which was a Carmel farm youth, Enoch Crosby, the future "spy" (see page 96).

The next younger brother of Thomas Benedict, Jr., was John<sup>1st</sup>, who married, Nov. 11, 1670, Phæbe, daughter of John<sup>1st</sup> and Sarah Gregory (see p. 82). This son, John, born Mar. 3, 1676, was the grandfather of John Benedict, who married, Apr. 4, 1792, Jane, daughter of Samuel Raymond, and had: Betsey (who married Rev. Zenophon, son of patriot Capt. Hezekiah Betts of Norwalk), and Amanda, who married, Dec. 16, 1847, as his second wife, the late George W. Benedict of South Norwalk, father of the deceased Homer of California, and of the brave Theodore of the Civil War, and of Dr. George W., postmaster in 1895, of South Norwalk. George W. Benedict, father of Homer, Theodore and George W.<sup>2d</sup>, was himself a descendant (gr.-gr.-gr.-grandson) of John<sup>1st</sup> and Phæbe (Gregory) Benedict. He, as was the case with his brother William Henry, was a strong character. The brothers were manufacturers, whose establishment sent out workman-like work, and the intelligence and enterprise of its managers contributed, not alone to the local community's weal, but was an element in the antecedent success which has helped to make possible the closing century's crowning material progress.





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"To my son and his heirs the Message in Bocking, late of Richard Usher deceased, and which I lately purchased of Paul Usher and Peter Kirby and Ursula Bond, widow, and the little garden or orchard in Bocking, now in the occupation of Richard Skinner or his assigns, and the tenement in the occupation of Thomas Laye in Bocking by Panfield Lane and the great orchard adjoining which I purchased of Mr. Thomas Trotter, to enter upon the same at his age of one and twenty years."

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"Item. I give to my sonne James one hundred pounds to be paid him when he shall be a bachelor of Art of two years standinge, in the University of Cambridge, for I desire he should be bredd up a scholler. And I also give him and my minde is that he shall have thirtie pounds a year paid him by my Executrix out of lands and tents, (tenements) from the tyme of his admission to be a scholler in Cambridge until he be or have tyme there to be a Master of Arts." To my sons Nathaniel and Jeremy, to either of them a moiety and half part of the farm, messuage, lands and tenements both free and copy, lying and being in Birch or Elsewhere, in Essex which I lately purchased of Wm. Brock, gent. to be equally divided between them and they to enter upon the same at their several ages of one and twenty. My Executrix shall lay out six hundred and fifty pounds within one year after my decease and shall purchase with the same as much lands and tenements within the county of Essex as the same will buy in a frugal and good manner, to be assured to the use of my two younger sons Samuel & Joseph. And my wife Anne shall have the lands and tenements in Birch which I have given to Nathaniel and Jeremy, and the lands &c. to be purchased for Samuel and Joseph until these four sons shall severally accomplish their ages of sixteen years &c. To my three daughters Mary, Anna and Sara three hundred pounds apiece, whereof two hundred pounds apiece are to be paid at their several ages of Eighteen. And the other hundred at one and twenty. To my loving friends Mr. Hooker, Mr. Nathaniel Rogers,



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Mr. Daniel Rogers and Mr. Collins twenty shillings apiece as a token of my love. To son Thomas my great oil cistern of lead, so as he give and deliver to my son John, the little cistern of lead for oil which I late bought and gave to Thomas. To my brother John Malden and my sister his wife twenty shillings apiece. To Henry Stracy, my kinsman five pounds. To my brothers John Reeve and William Stacy (Stracy?) forty shillings apiece, and to my brother Jeremy Reeve twenty shillings as a token of my love."

"The residue to my wife, whom I make sole executrix, she to enter upon a bond of two thousand pounds to my said brothers John Reeve and William Stacy (Stracy?) with condition to prove this will within two months after my decease and to pay all the legacies and perform all things contained therein, My said brothers to be Supervisors."

"W. Lyngwood one of the witnesses."

"Russell, 20."

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Page 6, note-column 2, line 38, after "Willink," read: son of.  
 " 25, line 1, for "tradition," read: supposition: line 19, for "hither" read: thither.  
 " 27, line 11, for "between the banks," read: between the branches: line 15, for "cove wood" and "cove branch," read: cave wood and cave branch.  
 " 32, line 6, from bottom, after "point" read: perhaps.  
 " 36, line 13, for "Childs" read: Child.  
 " 38, line 15, for "coast" read: east.

Page 41, line 16, after "wealthiest man," read: possibly.  
 " 47, line 18, put quotation mark after "Ethiopia."  
 " 53, line 20, for "Eno's," read: Enos'.  
 " 64, line 1, for "Enos" read: Eno's; and in note-column 2, line 8, after "in," instead of "that" read: N. Y.  
 " 76, last text paragraph, line 3, for "Louis" read: Lewis.  
 " 80, a few possibly, of the page 80 registered Benedict and Hoyt Settlers who removed in 1685 from Norwalk to Danbury reached majority-age in Danbury.



Page 85, line 19, for "Alexander" read: Andrew.  
 " 92, line 23, for "Louis" read: Lewis.  
 " 93, line 1, for "Louis" read Lewis; and in last line, for (Mrs. Matthias Marvin 3d.) read, Mrs. Matthew Marvin 3d.  
 " 98, lines 4 and 6, for Mrs. Robert Beacham 2d, read, the second Mrs. Robert Beacham.  
 " 102, note-column 2, line 25, for "Whitlock" read, Willock; and in line 27, for "Lampson R." read Lampson P.  
 " 104, note-column 1, line 20, for "Ketchum" read Wakeley.  
 " 106, line 8, for Hannah (Bouton) Camp, read Mary (Burwell) Camp.  
 " 108, note-column 2, line 12, for "Anna," read Elizabeth.  
 " 111, line 6, for "brother" read nephew.  
 " 123, line 7, for "whose", read, and his.  
 " 127, note-column 1, line 17, for "Cam-de-Philo", read, Cam-Philo.  
 " 130, lines 19, 23 and 28, for "Asa N." read, Amos N.  
 " 132, line 12, for "Harlingworth", read, Hollingsworth; and in note-column 1, line 1, for "Witton" read, Wilton.  
 " 135, note-column 1, line 1, for "countenance, firmness," read countenance-firmness.  
 " 139, in title following line 9, cancel "Sr." after Samuel Daskam.  
 " 143, in generation-column 2, last line, for "Joseph Platt Hanford Sr." read, Joseph Platt Hanford 2d.  
 " 147, note-column 2, line 5, for "Laura" read Lena, and cancel "Jr." in next line.  
 " 150, note-column 2, last line but one, for "Charles Augustus" read, Samuel G.  
 " 151, line 4, for "Kellogg" read, Bouton, and line 16, for 1744-5, read, 1744.  
 " 155, line 16, for "Thomas 2d", read, Thomas 3rd.; line 21, instead of "presumably a," read, John.  
 " 157 and 160, so read as to understand that Daniel Belden was not hastening to Fort-Church service, but to protect life and property; and line 6, for "wife and two children read, wife and three children.  
 " 166, note-column 2, for, "In memory of Richard Belden" read, In memory of Benjamin Belden.  
 " 175, third line from bottom, for Col. Buckingham Lockwood, read, Col. Frederick St. John Lockwood.  
 " 181, note-column 1, line 14, instead of "how they would delightfully end" etc. read, it is told how they once ended a Norwalk call etc.  
 " 183, line 3, for "Eunice" read, Eunice.  
 " 184, line 4, after "Dickinson" read, may have.  
 " 189, note-column 1, line 4, for "Sarah" read Susan.  
 " 191, line 19, for "Tebbetts" read Tibbals.  
 " 199, note-column 2, line 18, "our mother taught us" or mother was instructor, or like sense; and in line 27, for "June 7", read June 13.  
 " note-column 1, line 18, for Pratt read Prall.  
 " 203, line 18, for nine children read, several children.

Page 203, note-column 2, last line but one, for "First National Bank" read National Exchange Bank.  
 " 204, instead of "William Haynes, born 1651", read born 1648.  
 " 207, line 2, for "fifteen" read thirteen.  
 " 214, line 4, "Sept. 22, 1779" is correct for family record; the church record reads Sept. 2, 1778.  
 " 218, note-column 1, last two lines, cancel "the English".  
 " 225, line 10, for northwest read northeast.  
 " 227, line 21, instead of "Mary probably died unmarried", read Mary married Phineas Keeler.  
 " 229, line 3, for Mary (Stevenson) Bouton, read Abigail (Marvin) Bouton.  
 " 231, note-column 2, line 17, cancel "very".  
 " 232, last line but one, for "Boerhaven" read Boerhaave.  
 " 235, line 24, for "appropo", read apropos.  
 " 240, line 23, for "two", read three.  
 " 252, line 5, for "1739" read 1737; lines 5 and 6, change Bethia to Bethiah; line 13, change Slauson to Slawson; line 14, for June 6, read June 16; line 18, for Lancaster Symmes, read Lancaster Symes; line 20, for Dr. Theodore F. Frelinghuysen, read Dr. Theodore Frelinghuysen; line 21, for "about 1756" read about 1752, and throughout topic entitled "Ogilvie Family History" change Phillips to Philpse.  
 " 253, last paragraph but one, for Samuel Willetts read Samuel Willet; and for Sarah, Margaret, read Sarah Margaret.  
 " 254, line 2, for Madelaine read Madeleine, and for Tilesen read Tileston.  
 " 267, line 5, for 1679, read 1689.  
 " 296, line 8, for 1735, read 1738; line 10, for Kesiah read Keziah; line 14, for Joanna, read Jemima.  
 " 299, column two, last note, for Uncle read uncle, and for Aunt read aunt.  
 " 303, column 1, line 25, for second, read third.  
 " 309, line 22, cancel "the founder of the Burr family."  
 " 310, line 23, for Union, read union.  
 " 311, line 6, for earliest, read earlier.  
 " 312, note-column 1, for Mrs. Ozias Marvin 1st, read Mrs. Matthew [Clark] Marvin.  
 " 319, note-column 2, line 4, for singers, read signers.  
 " 321, line 18, after "first white child", read so said.  
 " 324, last line, after "south facing door", read, or window.  
 " 327, note-column 1, last line, for Helen, read Mary.  
 " 336, line 2, for Krozer, read Kroger.  
 " 351, note-column 1, line 32, for Daniel Morell, read Daniel Morrell.  
 " 352, line 27, for "A hardy" read, A hardy.  
 " 354, line 5, for "Gould Hoyt", read Goold Hoyt.  
 " 355, title line 1, for "Gould Hoyt", read Goold Hoyt.  
 " 358, 4th note, for Gerald, read Geraldyn.  
 " 375, note-column 2, last line but two, for Emma, read Eunice.  
 " 378, note-column 2, line 20, for This, read Their.

## TOPICAL INDEX CORRECTION.

HOME-LOT XXII—For John Stelle—read John Steele.

## CORRECTION—ADDITIONS.

Page 155, note-column 2, line 16, after "Raymond" read "Lockwood"; and in line 17, for "mother" read "wife."  
 Page 322, line 24, erase parenthesis after "Emma" and put same mark before "March."  
 Page 324, line 18, after "Drum Hill" read, "Wilton."  
 Page 333, note-column 1, line 22, instead of "Daniel and Martha (Weed) Benedict" read, "Daniel and Martha (Benedict) Weed."  
 Page 367, line 6, instead of "Saturday morning" read "Sunday morning."







Aunt Juliett Betts of Norwalk, CT.





"Norwalk"  
Supplement  
by Selleck  
Mostly Belden



BELDEN—ST. JOHN—SELLECK HOMESTEAD. (See Page 386.)



## BELDEN.<sup>1</sup>

WILLIAM BELDEN<sup>1st</sup> and his brother RICHARD<sup>1st</sup> (<sup>2</sup>) appear to have together settled (1635-6) in Wethersfield, Conn. From William<sup>1st</sup> and his wife Thomasine (spelled by William Belden<sup>1st</sup> Commacine), who were married in 1646, all the Norwalk Beldens have descended.

William Belden<sup>1st</sup> lived in Wethersfield, and there died in about 1660 leaving these children:

Samuel<sup>1st</sup>, born July 20, 1647, removed to Norwalk;

Daniel<sup>1st</sup>, born November 20, 1648;<sup>3</sup>

John<sup>1st</sup>, born January 9, 1650, removed to Norwalk;

Susannah, born November 5, 1651;

Marie, born February 2, 1653;

Nathaniel, born November 13, 1654.

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<sup>1</sup>Anciently spelled "Boyldon."

<sup>2</sup>Richard<sup>1st</sup>, brother of William Belden<sup>1st</sup>, was in Wethersfield in 1635, where his estate was inventoried in 1665. He had a son John, who had a son Joseph, who had a son Thomas, who married Mary, daughter of Stephen Mix of Wethersfield. Thomas and Mary (Mix) Belden had a son Thomas, born August 9, 1732, who married August 1, 1753, Abigail Porter of East Hartford, Conn. Thomas and Abigail (Porter) Belden had a daughter Mary, who married Frederick Butler of Hartford. These had eight children, the youngest of whom was Norwalk's distinguished Dr. Thomas B. Butler, who died June 7, 1873. (See page 255.)

<sup>3</sup>The story of Daniel Belden<sup>1st</sup>, oldest brother of John<sup>1st</sup> and Samuel<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk, is pathetic. In September, 1696, (see pages 156 and 160) his wife and several children were killed by the Indians in Deerfield, Mass., where he lived. He was sold to the French and compelled to stay in Canada, where he was found, with other captives, by Cols. Peter and Abraham Schuyler, who were the Commissioners delegated to bear to Canada the copy of the articles of peace between England and France. The Schuylers took Daniel Belden<sup>1st</sup> to Albany and cared for himself and children until the arrival, from Norwalk, of his brother John<sup>1st</sup>, who paid his bills and arranged for a three weeks' Norwalk visit of Daniel<sup>1st</sup>. This visit of the sufferer and his children ended, Daniel<sup>1st</sup> returned to his former Deerfield home, where he married, second, Feb. 17, 1699, Hepzibah Wells. His first wife, who was Indian-slain in 1696, was Elizabeth Smith, granddaughter of Samuel<sup>1st</sup> and Elizabeth Smith (the ancestors of the Ebenezer Smith family

line of Norwalk, see note column, page 363) and a grandchild, also, of Nathaniel<sup>1st</sup> and Elizabeth (Deming) Foote of Wethersfield. The children of Daniel Belden<sup>1st</sup> (by his first wife) were:

William<sup>2nd</sup>, born Dec. 16, 1671, came to Norwalk;

Elizabeth, born Oct. 8, 1673, Mrs. Ebenezer B. Brooks;

Nathaniel, born Jan. 26, 1675;

Mary, born Nov. 17, 1677, Mrs. James Trowbridge;

Sarah, born March 14, 1682, Mrs. Benjamin Burt;

Esther, born Sept. 29, 1683, Mrs. Ephraim Clark of Stratford;

Abigail<sup>1st</sup>, born March 10, 1686, died in infancy;

Samuel, born April 10, 1687;

John, born Aug. 24, 1689, died one day old;

Abigail<sup>2nd</sup>, born Aug. 18, 1690;

John, born Feb. 28, 1693;

Thankful, born Dec. 21, 1695, died in infancy.

Ebenezer Burt Brooke, or Brooks, who married Elizabeth, oldest daughter of Daniel Belden<sup>1st</sup>, was a son of William and Mary (Burt) Brooks. Mercy, sister of Ebenezer B. Brooks, married, as his first wife, Dec. 4, 1690, Samuel Carter of Deerfield, Mass., and later of Norwalk. (See note columns, page 366.)

Ebenezer<sup>2nd</sup>, son of Ebenezer<sup>1st</sup> and Elizabeth (Belden) Brooks, is probably the individual mentioned in the Ridgefield Town Records who married, Aug. 27, 1730, Jane St. John. His cousin Christopher, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Belden) Burt, married Dec. 21, 1727, Joanna, sister of Jane St. John. The Burts came from Deerfield to Norwalk, and went afterward, about 1713, to Ridgefield.

Nathaniel, next child of Daniel Belden<sup>1st</sup>, was one of the Deerfield Indian-captured Beldens of Sept. 16, 1696. He died at the age of eighteen.





Samuel Belden<sup>1st</sup> and his brother John<sup>1st</sup> came to Norwalk. Samuel was unmarried but John<sup>1st</sup> here founded a family.<sup>1</sup>

John Belden,<sup>1st</sup> son of William<sup>1st</sup> and Thomasine Belden, was, with his brother Samuel,<sup>1st</sup>, a resident of Norwalk, where he married Ruth (see page 88), daughter of Samuel<sup>1st</sup> and Ruth (More or Moore) Hayes, and had:

John<sup>2nd</sup>;

Samuel<sup>2nd</sup>, removed to Stamford;

Ruth, born 1690; baptized October 7, 1694; died 1704.

Ann, Mrs. Justus Bush, of Rye.<sup>2</sup>

John<sup>2nd</sup>, son of John<sup>1st</sup> and Ruth (Hayes) Belden, married May 9, 1728, Ruhama daughter of Capt. John Hill of Westerly, R. I., and had:

John<sup>3rd</sup>, born April 26, 1729;

Thomas, born March 25, 1731, unmarried;

Hezekiah, born April 25, 1736, unmarried;

Mary, born January 26, 1739;

Samuel<sup>3rd</sup>.

John Belden<sup>3rd</sup>, son of John<sup>2nd</sup> and Ruhama (Hill) Belden, married Rebecca,<sup>3</sup> daughter of John<sup>1st</sup> and Mary (Betts) Bartlett (see page 296), and had:

Mary Belden, daughter of Daniel<sup>1st</sup>, married James Trowbridge April 19, 1698.

Daniel<sup>2nd</sup>, namesake son of Daniel<sup>1st</sup>, was one of the victims, at the age of sixteen, at the Deerfield slaughter of 1696.

Sarah, third daughter of Daniel<sup>1st</sup>, married Benjamin, son of David Burt, and grandson of Henry Burt of Roxbury and Springfield. Sarah Belden was married to Benjamin Burt December 16, 1702. Her husband was born November 17, 1780.

Samuel, son of Daniel Belden<sup>1st</sup>, was wounded in the 1696 attack but lived to marry, February 26, 1724, Anna Thomas. She died in a few months and her husband married, second, September 26, 1726, Elizabeth, daughter of Nathaniel Ingraham of Hadley, Mass. Samuel Belden died December 17, 1750.

Abigail Belden<sup>2nd</sup>, daughter of Daniel<sup>1st</sup>, was, it is thought, wounded by a shot from the fort in Deerfield.

John Belden, son of Daniel<sup>1st</sup>, fell with his mother by a savage blow in 1696, and his sister Thankful also.

<sup>1</sup>John Belden<sup>1st</sup> and his brother Samuel<sup>1st</sup> have maiden Norwalk registration 1671—1673. The first was, at the first date, twenty-one and the second twenty-four years of age. John was an active man, and an early Norwalk soldier, whose services were acknowledged by the settlers. He evidently grew in influence, as on April 30, 1690, he was town appointed as one of a committee of four to fortify the meeting house, and on January 16, 1694, was chosen

a committeeman to call a minister in the place of the Rev. Thomas Hanford, then deceased. Some of the strongest men in the plantation were put up to this committee. John Belden<sup>1st</sup> was also one of the purchasers, in 1708, of Ridgefield. He died in 1713—14, and his widow married John Copp, originally from the eastern part of the colony. Mr. Copp was a public man, who continued to occupy his Strawber Hill home until his decease.

Mr. Copp made his will October 12, 1744, by which instrument, probated June 4, 1751, bequeathed his "physical books, drugs, roots," to his stepson Samuel Belden. He left to Rev. Moses Dickinson £100 and to the First Congregational Society £100 additional. He also left £400, the income of which should be expended in the interest of his two negroes, and at their death the same was made to fall to the ecclesiastical society before named. Samuel Fitch, brother of Gov., and Isaac Hayes were his chosen executors, to each of whom he left £50, "reasonable wages."

<sup>2</sup>Had sons Justus, John, Bernardus, Isaac and Abraham. The will of Mr. Bush is dated June 2, 1737.

<sup>3</sup>Rebecca, Mrs. John Belden<sup>3rd</sup>, was a daughter of John Bartlett by his second marriage. John Bartlett was born October 15, 1677, at "5 of the A. M." and died August 5, 1761. His first wife was Elizabeth, born 1684—5, daughter of "Mr. William Haynes," (see page 206). Mrs. Elizabeth Bartlett



John<sup>4th</sup>, unmarried;

Isaac<sup>1st</sup>;

Amos, born July 13, 1764;

Henry;

Mary Esther, born 1753 (Mrs. William St. John);

Sarah (Mrs. Samuel Cannon).

Samuel<sup>2nd</sup>, son of John<sup>2nd</sup> and Ruhama (Hill) Belden, married March 9, 1774, Ann, believed to have been born January 28, 1754, daughter of Joseph and Alithea (Wetmore) Lampson and had:

Thomas, born January 17, 1775;

Samuel, born October 27, 1777;

William (Colonel) born September 15, 1780;

Hezekiah, born January 27, 1783.

Isaac<sup>1</sup>, son of John<sup>1st</sup> and Rebecca (Bartlett) Belden, married Esther, daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth (Kellogg) Reed, and had:

Esther Mary, (Mrs. Rev. Augustus Summers first,  
and, second, Mrs. Socrates Squires);

"deceased (per Bible record) February, 6, 1722-3, in the 39th year of her age at 11 A. M." Mr. Bartlett married, second, Mary (see page 96), daughter of Thomas<sup>2nd</sup> and Sarah (Marvin) Betts, and had Ann and Rebecca, the second of whom, Rebecca, was the second Mrs. John Belden<sup>3rd</sup>. The children of Mr. Bartlett by his first wife were: Elizabeth (Mrs. Ebenezer Smith); Hannah (Mrs. Elnathan Hanford); William; Isabel (Mrs. Ephraim Smith); Mary (Mrs. Lyndal Fitch); Sarah (Mrs. Nathaniel Satterly); John; Samuel. From the Ephraim Smith son-in-law of John Bartlett descended the New York Captain Isaac Bell line. (See note, page 167.)

<sup>1</sup>Isaac, son of John<sup>3rd</sup> and Rebecca (Bartlett) Belden, was a Belden son who, as was true of his brother, John<sup>4th</sup>, Norwalk remained. It is inferred that his house, now the West Avenue club property of St. Mary's parish, was built by himself after the British burning. He was a farmer, and as did Stephen St. John, used the "garret" of his house for grain storage. Traces of the elevated doorway for grain elevation are still discerned in the north gable of the old West Avenue House. Mr. Belden worked (see page 146) the Belden Point farm and the harvest trips to and from the shore with, quite likely, luncheon under the shade and a dip at high tide in the salt water, to say nothing of the ever changing sea-scape novelty, possessed such attraction that two youths, at least, were happy escorts, occasionally, of Mr. Belden. One was the young clerk, L. O. Wilson, afterward Mr. Belden's son-in-law, who in those days was seen hastening down the Ely Neck road with horse under saddle and rider holding a grain cradle, and the other a nephew of Mr. Belden, John,

son of Henry Belden, a society young man, but who professed that he preferred association with "Uncle Isaac in the Neck" to college chumming.

Mrs. Isaac Belden, whose parents rest a short distance from the southwest door of St. Paul's Church, was a daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth (Kellogg) Reed. Matthew Reed was a genius, a fine specimen of whose hand-craft stands to-day in a Stamford home in the lower part of Summer street. It is an old clock, across the face of which Mr. Reed's name is plainly inscribed. Its maker was born in 1739, in Norwalk, and was a son of William and Rachel (Kellogg) Reed and grandson of John<sup>2nd</sup> and Elizabeth (Tuttle) Reed, which John<sup>2nd</sup> was the oldest son of John Reed, Senior and settler, whose grave is marked by a granite slab which stands on the grounds of Samuel R. Weed of Rowayton, Conn. Mrs. Matthew Reed, born 1746, was a daughter of Samuel Kellogg<sup>2nd</sup> (son of Samuel<sup>1st</sup> and grandson of Settler Daniel Kellogg, see page 372). Her daughter Esther was a woman of stability. Polly, Esther's sister, born 1768, married, April 3, 1789, Seth, son of John and Ruth Seymour, whose son Uriah is represented to-day by his children who occupy, in 1899, the interesting South Norwalk Seymour premises, a little distance north of the new and handsome First Methodist Episcopal Church of that city. Hannah Reed, a sister between Mrs. Seth Seymour and Mrs. Isaac Belden, married, January 5, 1804, Asa, son of Nathaniel and Anna (Raymond) Benedict and father of the late George W. and William H. Benedict (see note, page 378) of South Norwalk. Matthew Reed died December 4, 1797, leaving children other than those named.



Harriet (Mrs. Lewis O. Wilson);<sup>1</sup>

Amos, son of John<sup>3rd</sup> and Rebecca (Bartlett) Belden, married Elizabeth, born October 12, 1770, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Scudder) Isaacs (see pages 96 and 331), and had as per page 96, none of whom, excepting Julia,<sup>2</sup> belonged in Norwalk.

Henry, son of John<sup>3rd</sup> and Rebecca (Bartlett) Belden, married Esther, born October 14, 1773, daughter of Goold and Elizabeth (Dimon) Hoyt, and had as per page 358. A description of the home of his parents (John<sup>3rd</sup> and Rebecca Belden) and afterwards that of his brother, John Belden<sup>4th</sup>, here naturally follows.

#### BELDEN-SELLECK HOUSE, 1899. (See plates pages 382 and 387.)

This is one of the only few remaining ante-revolutionary Norwalk homes, and its history repays perusal. At the Tryon visitation General Garth caused it to be fired, but his men were seemingly too much in haste to tarry until it was completely flame underway, consequently the fire was extinguished just as its destruction had commenced. The premises were purchased by the Beldens before the Revolution. John Belden<sup>3rd</sup> here brought up his children, John<sup>4th</sup>, Isaac, Amos, Henry, Mary Esther, and Sarah.

The family of John<sup>3rd</sup> and Rebecca (Bartlett) Belden were tenants of the home<sup>3</sup> in 1779. Thomas, son of John<sup>2nd</sup>, had a hearthstone of his own (afterwards Governor Bissell place), and Samuel his brother resided in Wilton. The John Belden<sup>4th</sup> barn for many years after the Tryon conflagration bore an oak inscribed fire-record. Accepting the Moses Webb statement

<sup>1</sup>Lewis O. Wilson, when young, came to Norwalk as a clerk. He became afterwards a Norwalk merchant, and finally a heavy business man of New York city, where he was energetic, enterprising and successful. His country home at Belden's Neck was a lovely site. Mr. Wilson liked well kept highways. He was much interested in the Wilson Point Road and seemed to be fond, at leisure hours, of himself having a part in the work. After he had quit "The Neck," and given up business, and buried most of his family, he was wont, in old age, to be seen, in kid protected hands holding a rake and indulging his old inclination. He was well known in Metropolitan merchant circles and made his country seat inviting. (See page 66.) Mrs. Wilson was a devoted mother, and enjoyed, with her children, the attractive property, her father's bequeathed patrimony, at "the Point." The children of L. O. and Harriet Wilson were Capt. Henry, U. S. N., Charles, Oliver, William and Victor B. Charles and Victor were the only married sons. The first married Charlotte Tillotson, of N. Y., and the second Sarah Searles of Norwalk.

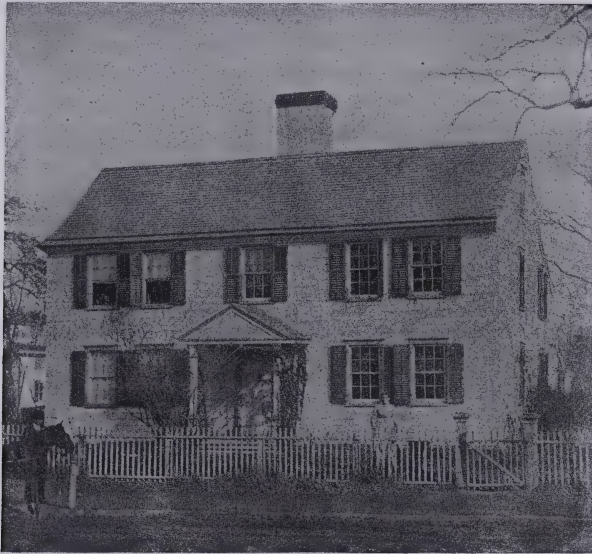
Augustus, born January 15, 1817, who died unmarried, June 13, 1839. Both second cousins, Frederick A. St. John and John (son of Henry) Belden, died young. John Belden had commenced a business engagement in New York city, but soon came home to close his days. He was a social favorite and had much to live for. Mrs. Hooker St. John survived the birth of her only child one day short of eight months.

<sup>3</sup>This home was established prior to the Revolutionary war. At the Tryon visitation General Garth caused it to be fired, but his men, who on their march from "Old Well" northward had almost reached the crossing place to the east side of Norwalk river where the Tryon and Garth forces were to unite, were seemingly in haste and did not tarry until sure that the building was fully fired. The fire was extinguished ere the structure was destroyed. It was afterwards repaired and continued the property of John Belden<sup>3rd</sup>, father of John<sup>4th</sup>, Isaac, Amos, Henry, Mary Esther, and Sarah Belden. The same (14 acres area) was sold, March 18, 1796, by the heirs of John<sup>3rd</sup> and Rebecca (Bartlett) Belden to John<sup>4th</sup> and his brother Isaac. John<sup>4th</sup> took the north portion (Selleck house and land of 1899), and Isaac occupied, with the adjoining grounds, the present St. Mary's Assembly House, opposite St. Mary's Church, on West Avenue. After the day of John Belden<sup>4th</sup> his

<sup>2</sup>Julia (see last note p age 96), daughter of Amos Belden<sup>1st</sup>, married, March 13, 1816, Hooker, born January 30, 1792, son of William and Mary Esther (Belden) St. John. She had one son, Frederick







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as correct, the true war story of the spot would seem to be that General Garth, who had been repulsed at "Old Well," possibly feared an attack upon his return thither to his boats and hence prudently determined to reserve a portion of his ammunition, leaving it on the west side of the river before crossing the same to join forces with Tryon in the work of the burning of the east side. The soldier Webb declared that the Belden house was used as a storage for ammunition. If so, Garth would not have ordered the building to be consumed until upon his return march, which is the probable explanation of the matter. Moses Webb<sup>1</sup>, who was a

house and grounds passed into the possession of said Belden's nephew, Frederick St. John<sup>1st</sup>, son of William and Mary Esther (Belden) St. John. Frederick St. John<sup>1st</sup> married Harriett, daughter of John<sup>2nd</sup> and Sarah (St. John) Cannon. These occupied the premises (they had no children) until Mr. St. John's decease. He died in the house, which was afterwards sold (see page 44) to Mrs. Eliza Selleck. Mrs. Frederick St. John left her property largely to her namesake niece, Harriett, daughter of Senator Thaddens and Antoinette (Cannon) Betts.

The Belden family, scattered as its members are, over the length and breadth of the country, may with pride salute the old Norwalk birthplace.

#### THE WEBB FAMILY.<sup>1</sup>

See pages 149, 398 to 402, and 470.

Albeit the Norwalk settlers were probably too

industriously employed to have greatly indulged family speculations, still we may reasonably imagine that rigorous conditions did not entirely drive their thoughts from the theme. Richard and Elizabeth Webb, who occupied a plain dwelling close by the 1899 East Norwalk R. R. Station for west bound trains, could hardly have been altogether unmindful of their European kinship. The Gregory claim has mention on page 82, but the Webb Genealogy (page 149) merits additional remark. It is noticeable that neither Richard Webb nor Richard Seymour, whose homes adjoined each other and who were together elected "townsmen" (in 1655), were Norwalk long lived. Mr. Seymour died in office, and Mr. Webb somewhat later, possibly. His family was small and he left no locality designation, with the exception of that of "Webb Meadow," to perpetuate his name.



young soldier of twenty-three when Norwalk was burned, lived to see his farm divided by the tracks of the New York and New Haven railroad, and just as the road was opened to peacefully end his days at the old Rowayton home, from whence he was carried, at his decease, to the Warren burial ground, near the late Bigelow premises. Before two of his grandchildren he, shortly previous to his death, brought out a stocking lined with gold, and made a loan.

Mrs. John Belden<sup>8rd</sup> survived her husband and the property (14 acres) continued her ownership and that of the children until March 18, 1796, when it was sold by the heirs of John Belden<sup>8rd</sup> to John<sup>4th</sup> and his brother Isaac.

He was a public man and appears, like his neighbor Richard Olmstead, to have been a surveyor. His home lot almost backed upon the mill pond, which because of its capacity insufficiency was, at the close of Mr. Webb's life, abandoned. The town elected himself and Thomas Fitch and Nathaniel Richards as a committee to advise with one Swayne of Stamford in relation to the mill situation (see page 35) in Norwalk. Richard Webb, Jr., resided in Stamford, where he had quite a family. It is possible that he came with the senior Webb to Norwalk, but if so his tarry here was short. He was early identified with Stamford interests and in 1651 made purchase of a residence in that town.

Richard Webb, Sr., who came with his fellow adventurers to Norwalk, was, according to careful record investigation (see page 398), of the fourth generation (Richard of Norwalk IV., Alexander, Jr., III., Alexander, Sr., II., Henry I.) from Henry Webb, who was usher to the Privy Council of Katharine (Parr), Queen Regent of Britain in the XVIth century. This Henry married an Arden, while his sister married one of the identical family and had a daughter who married, May, 1562, John Shakespeare, father of (April 23, 1564) William Shakespeare, the great poet. There seems to have been a double Webb-Arden connection which amounts, perhaps, to relationship. The Norwalk Webb father valued, it may well be supposed, this ancestry and affinity, but he could not foresee those of his name who were to succeed him, among whom, to the credit of Norwalk fatherhood, were the honored Col. Charles Webb of the Revolution, Gen. Samuel B. Webb, Washington's private secretary, William Henry Webb, the distinguished ship builder of New York, Hon. James Watson Webb, the notable New York Editor, Gen. Alexander S. Webb of Gettysburg fame, Dr. W. Seward Webb, President of the Wagner Palace Car Company, Henry Walter Webb, Vice President of the New York Central Railroad, Lawyer William B. Webb of Washington, D. C., Dr. George F. Webb, the Ohio inventor, Rev. Henry Webb Johnson, D. D., of the west, and Rev. Harvey Webb, D. D., of Cleveland, Ohio.

Richard Webb, Jr., the names of whose children are given on page 150, was a Stamford progenitor. Norwalk can hardly claim him, but its sister city may well register his offspring. One of these, at least, has

a distinct place in Norwalk annals. When the New York and New Haven railroad was laid out there lived, at Rowayton, an aged man who took comfort in his Rowalton-side home, and with some reluctance parted with a portion of his farm for the company's use. This veteran, Moses Webb, born February 18, 1756, son of Epenetus and Deborah (Ferris) Webb, lived, as before stated, at Five Mile River, now Rowayton. He owned the tract in that section through which the Consolidated road is built, and upon which its present Rowayton passenger stations stand. His still existing home was built somewhat south of the stations referred to near the point of the highway branching to Five Mile River Landing. He was a Revolutionary soldier and a brother-in-law of the soldier John Street, who was the father of William Jarvis Street, the daughter of whom, Mrs. George R. Cholwell, still beautifully presides over her honored parents' remodelled hearthstone in the High Street of 1899.

Moses and Polly (Street) Webb were the parents of Epenetus Ferris Webb, who was the father of Mrs. James A. Tyndall, now of the Connecticut Turnpike, near the State Armory, and who formerly resided in the ancient Main Street house in which Henry J. Raymond, founder of the *New York Times*, was born. The late Martin S. and William T. Crow are of the same Webb blood as the patriot Moses Webb, who died in 1850. Mr. Webb married, second, a widow Jarvis, an instructress, whose school was kept in the Eseek Kellogg (now Edward Bradley) West Norwalk home. His descent from Richard Webb, Sr., of Norwalk, appears to be as follows:

Gen. II. Richard Webb, Jr.

" III. Joseph<sup>1st</sup> and Hannah (Scofield) Webb.

" IV. Joseph<sup>2nd</sup> and Mary (Hoyt) Webb.

" V. Epenetus<sup>1st</sup> and Deborah (Ferris) Webb (second wife).

" VI. Moses and Polly (Street) Webb.

Moses Webb's grandmother, Mary, was a daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Weed) Hoyt. Mr. Webb was a Revolutionary soldier and he is the authority for the statement that Gen. Tryon's officers temporarily quartered arms or ammunition, or both, in the old Belden barn as per cut fronting page 383. It is known that said barn contained one or more timbers which were war-inscribed, but the exact na-





The homes of the Norwalk John Beldens were situated thus: John Belden<sup>1st</sup>, on Strawberry Hill; John<sup>2nd</sup>, Bissell corner of 1895; John<sup>3rd</sup>, West Avenue and Berkeley Street of 1896; John<sup>4th</sup>, same as John<sup>3rd</sup>; John<sup>6th</sup>, with his parents Henry and Esther Belden, site of Grace Church, 1896.

Thomas, son of Samuel<sup>3rd</sup> and Ann (Lampson) Belden, married, December 24, 1798, Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. George Ogilvie, and had as per page 253.

Samuel, son of Samuel Belden<sup>3rd</sup>, married Laurany, daughter of David<sup>2nd</sup> and Susanah (Rogers) Lambert, and had no children. He, as was the case with his father, was town clerk of Wilton.

William (Col.), son of Samuel Belden<sup>3rd</sup>, married, August 16, 1801, Rebecca, born May 2, 1781, daughter of Joshua, born June 8, 1750, and Sarah (born August 26, 1756) Adams, and had:

Henrietta<sup>1</sup>, born May 16, 1802, died February 13, 1843;

ture of the inscription is unknown. Mr. Webb lived to the age of ninety-four, and was an esteemed Norwalk veteran. The late William K. James, a Norwalk financier, knew him well and would direct a riding companion's attention to the patriarch as he chanced to overtake him in his driving trips over the country. Moses Webb's great uncle, Joseph Webb<sup>3rd</sup>, born January 26, 1700, was the grandfather of Gen. Samuel B. Webb, whose son, Hon. James Watson Webb, is of hemisphere wide fame, and whose children, Dr. W. Seward Webb of the New York Central Railroad, and Gen. Alexander S. Webb of national renown, the town of Norwalk gathers honor to itself in naming as its descendants. Nor does the Webb memorabilia here cease. Richard Webb<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk drew his last earthly breath in the dew-pearly precincts across which, in the East Norwalk of to-day, pass the long and heavy laden trains of the four-track Consolidated road. Samuel Webb, son of Richard<sup>2nd</sup>, had a namesake son born on the first Sunday of November, 1692, who had a brother Charles, whose son, Charles<sup>2nd</sup>, was Connecticut's eminent Col. Charles Webb. The little Lord's day born Webb (Samuel<sup>2nd</sup>) was also a first cousin of William Webb, who was a great grandfather of Isaac Webb, the naval architect. Isaac Webb, who hailed from Shippan Point, was a no distant neighbor of the family of Isaac Bell, and his son, William Henry Webb, became the ship modeler and builder of the western continent, who was knighted, and thereafter known as Sir William Webb. These all refer back to this county for parentage, and, as elsewhere stated, embrace in their notable kin-circle the Webb historian, Dr. George F. Webb, an inventor and distinguished medical specialist of Cleveland, Ohio, and his cousin, the Rev. Dr. Henry Webb Johnson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of South Bend, Indiana.

Interest will ever attach itself to the story of the first English named party in the Sagamore Ruck-inheage Norwalk deed, Richard Webb<sup>1st</sup>. It is claimed that he made the survey from Hartford to Norwalk. Here he had fourteen distinct land parcels set off to him by the planters. These parcels were on both sides of the river and down in the "Planting Field," as well as east as far as the Saugatuck. He was one of the seven heaviest noted land owners in 1655. He is Norwalk mentioned in 1659 as "deceased," although at the inventory of his estate as registered (1665) in Fairfield it is named that he died "July last." It is reasonable to believe that he was the father of Richard Webb, Jr., who bought a Stamford home in 1651. While, however, the Norwalk evidence upon this point is circumstantial rather than documentary one recorded transaction (see Vol. II., N. T. R.) appears confirming. John Webb of Northampton, Mass., is considered to have been of blood of Richard<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk. This John had a son, Ebenezer, born January 16, 1673, whose brief history as a Norwalk resident is touching. He came hither some years after Richard<sup>1st</sup> had passed away and made a purchase (perhaps only a beginning) of Norwalk property. He had just "come to age" and here found, possibly, family friends. Death intervened and good Zerubbabel Hoyt, ancestor of famed descendants, took care of the stranger youth's personal effects and delivered them, in 1703, to his brother Henry Webb and his sisters Anna, Mary and Thankful of Northampton. Mr. Hoyt makes a record of "3 or 4 shillings in money" found in the young man's pocket. Ebenezer Webb is tabulated on page 81 of this volume.

<sup>1</sup>Married January 11, 1830, J. B. Stone, and died February 13, 1843.





Maria, born October 13, 1803, died September 27, 1854;  
 Sarah Ann<sup>1</sup>, born October 12, 1804;  
 Charlotte<sup>2</sup>, born May 16, 1806;  
 Pattie Emily, born November 25, 1807, Mrs. Francis Haight;  
 William<sup>3</sup>, born March 11, 1810;  
 Julia<sup>4</sup>, born November 27, 1812;  
 Charles, born March 12, 1815, died October 17, 1845;  
 David<sup>5</sup>, born November 20, 1816, unmarried;  
 Frederick, born June 30, 1818;  
 Joshua, born April 30, 1822, died young.

Colonel William Belden was a prominent Wilton man. He resided a short distance north of his father, Samuel Sr., on the road between Wilton and Cannons Stations. His mother was a daughter of David<sup>2nd</sup> and Susannah (Rogers) Lambert, and a granddaughter of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Fitch) Rogers (see page 172). His son Frederick, long a resident of Norwalk, came to this town first in the capacity of a clerk. As a young man he was admired and, later, marked for his urbanity. He was engaged in business in New Orleans, but generally spent his summers north. His home pleasantly bordered Norwalk "Green," and was an attractive hearthstone.

#### AMOS BELDEN LINEAGE.

Amos, born July 13, 1764, son of John<sup>8th</sup> and Rebecca (Bartlett) Belden, married Elizabeth, born October 12, 1770, daughter of Benjamin<sup>1st</sup> and Sarah (Scudder) Isaacs (see page 331), had:

Julia, born May 19, 1791, see note page 386;  
 Charles, born March 10, 1793, died February 22, 1858;  
 George, born March 12, 1795, died January 14, 1855;  
 Sally, born March 11, 1797;  
 Charlotte, born December 31, 1798, died September 26, 1826;  
 Elizabeth, born December 31, 1798;  
 Thomas, born September 28, 1802, died October 12, 1834;  
 John, born January 25, 1805;  
 Frederick, born June 23, 1807, died June 23, 1857;  
 Benjamin Isaacs, born July 13, 1809, died June 12, 1858;  
 Augustus Bartlett, born October 31, 1814, died July 9, 1815.

<sup>1</sup>Married first, November 28, 1829, G. B. Olmstead, and second a Brewster. No issue.

<sup>2</sup>Married, May 4, 1826, Bradley Sturges.  
 Married, second, Frederick Sturges. Had several children.

<sup>3</sup>Married, October 14, 1834, Esther Bostwick.

<sup>4</sup>Married first, September 12, 1836, E. N. Pickett, and, second, E. H. Graves. Had one Pickett child, who died in infancy, and two Graves children, viz: Ida, Mrs. Clayton Raymond, and Emma, Mrs. John Kingsley.

<sup>5</sup>Died March 11, 1859.



Charles, son of Amos and Elizabeth Belden, married Helen, daughter of Dr. William Miles, and had :

Helen E., died young ;

George Mortimer, born November 3, 1826.

George, son of Amos and Elizabeth Belden, married, 1822, Sophia Louisa Miles, and had :

Julia Louise, born July 27, 1828, Mrs. Frederick S. Talmadge ;

Laura Frederica, born April 3, 1831, Mrs. Dudley Field ;

Helen Elizabeth, born July 22, 1838, died young.

Sally, daughter of Amos and Elizabeth Belden, married, May 20, 1828, Rev. William Mitchell, and had :

John Belden,<sup>1</sup> born June 4, 1829.

Rev. William Mitchell died August 1, 1867, and his wife May 27, 1888.

Elizabeth, daughter of Amos and Elizabeth Belden, married, February 27, 1836, Edwin Crosby, and had :

Sarah Elizabeth, born February 24, 1840, Mrs. Staats Mead ;

Helen Belden, born July 20, 1841, Mrs. Edwin M. Butler.

George Mortimer, son of Charles and Helen (Miles) Belden, married, July 14, 1856, Isabella Sutton, daughter of Levi Best. He was a graduate of Columbia College and was admitted to the Bar. When about thirty years of age he returned to his birthplace in Carmel, N. Y., and occupied the homestead until his death, which occurred in 1875. He was the first President of the Putnam County National Bank, and one of the founders of the Carmel Library.

Frederick, son of Amos and Elizabeth Belden, married Maricia Arocha.

John Belden, son of Rev. William and Sally (Belden) Mitchell, married, December 14, 1864, Elinor Augusta Evans, and had :

George Mortimer, born December 15, 1865 ;

Alfred E., born July 17, 1867, died in infancy ;

Hattie Baldwin, born December 15, 1869, died young.

#### <sup>1</sup>JOHN BELDEN MITCHELL.

A telegram was received in this city last evening from San Antonio, announcing the death of a well known citizen of Corpus Christi, John Belden Mitchell, which occurred on Government Hill at the home of May Halter at noon yesterday, Oct. 3rd. Mr. Mitchell had been in ill health for the past year, and last July went to San Antonio, accompanied by his wife, in hopes that a change of climate might prove of benefit to him. Mr. Mitchell was a native Vermont, and at the time of his death was 66 years old. He was a graduate of Yale College, and came to Corpus Christi when quite a young man and engaged in mercantile business, which he carried on before the war and after until a few years ago. In 1864 he married Miss Nellie Evans, sister of Mr. George

F. Evans. Mr. Mitchell was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and one of the leaders in the erection of the church in this city. He was a man of the strictest integrity ; a man of enterprise, and for many years, when he enjoyed good health, took great interest in all public matters pertaining to the interest and advancement of the city and section in which he lived, serving at one time as Mayor of this city, and filling other positions of trust and honor. By his death Corpus Christi loses a good man and worthy citizen. Mr. Mitchell leaves, besides his wife, two sons and one daughter to mourn his death. Many friends join the *Callin* in extending heartfelt sympathy to the afflicted family. The remains are expected here to-night for interment to-morrow in the family burying ground.—*Corpus Christi Callin*, Oct. 4, 1895.



THE LINE OF WILLIAM<sup>2nd</sup> AND MARGARET (ARMS) BELDEN.

William<sup>2nd</sup>, son of Daniel<sup>1st</sup> and Elizabeth (Foote) Belden, resided in early life in Deerfield, but eventually found his way to the home in Norwalk of his uncles John Belden<sup>1st</sup> and Samuel<sup>1st</sup>. The two latter lived in the southern or settlement portion of the town (East Norwalk, 1898), but their cousin chose, about 1720-21, the northern section of the plantation (Wilton Parish) for his habitation. Through his father he was of like Belden blood with all the Norwalk Beldens, but through his mother his line of the family inherits the strong blood of the New England Demings and Footes.<sup>1</sup> The children of William<sup>2nd</sup> and Margaret (Arms) Belden, who were married May 2, 1700, were:

Margaret, born February 10, 1701, Mrs. Nathaniel Slawson;  
 Daniel<sup>2nd</sup>, born September 14, 1702, late Norwalk appearance;<sup>2</sup>  
 Elizabeth, born November 10, 1704, Mrs. Daniel Cole;<sup>3</sup>  
 Thankful, born February 9, 1706-7, died August 26, 1717;  
 Mary, born June 25, 1709, Mrs. Nathan Betts;  
 Abigail, born January 4, 1710-11, Mrs. John Rockwell;  
 Ruth,<sup>4</sup> born January 18, 1712-13, Mrs. John Seymour<sup>2nd</sup>;  
 Mirriam, born November 11, 1714, Mrs. Samuel Higgins;  
 Esther,<sup>5</sup> born October 11, 1716, Mrs. Daniel Hurlbutt<sup>1st</sup>;  
 Thankful<sup>2nd</sup>, born October 5, 1718, Mrs. Alexander Ressiquie, Jr.;  
 Sarah,<sup>6</sup> born August 20, 1720, Mrs. Zebulon Crane;  
 Azor<sup>1st</sup>, born December 10, 1723.

<sup>1</sup>Deming-Foote stock is colonial excellence brand. John Deming, Sr., was a 1662 Connecticut charterer. His sister Elizabeth, born in England in 1595, married at the age of twenty, Nathaniel Foote, Sr., and at the age of about of about fifty the Colonial Governor Thomas Welles. Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Deming) Foote Sr. had Nathaniel Jr., who was the father of Mrs. Daniel Belden (see page 156), the mother of the first William Belden of Norwalk. Mary Foote, great aunt of Wiliam Belden, was, first, Mrs. John Stoddard of Wethersfield, and, second, Mrs. John Goodrich of the same place, and, third, Mrs. Lieut. Thomas Tracy of Norwich.

<sup>2</sup>Married first, February 22, 1727, Esther, daughter of Samuel Smith of Hatfield, Mass. She died October 19, 1757. Married, second, Mary Kimberly. In 1744 his Norwalk relatives took six horses and removed himself and family from Deerfield to Norwalk, Wilton parish.

<sup>3</sup>Ancestress of the present Norwalk residents of Cole name.

<sup>4</sup>For Belden-Seymour reference see page 160.

<sup>5</sup>On November 28, 1737, Rev. William Gaylord married Esther, daughter of William and Margaret Belden to Daniel Hurlbutt, Sr., of Wilton. These

had a son Daniel who married, second, March 20, 1765, Esther, daughter of John Partrick. Daniel and Esther (Partrick) Hurlbutt had John, born October 14, 1778, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Rachel Ogden. John and Elizabeth (Ogden) Hurlbutt had a son John P., who on October 31, 1832, married Polly Esther Gregory. These had a son born December 1, 1843, who is found in the person of Norwalk's well known J. Belden Hurlbutt, Attorney and Counsellor at Law of 1899.

<sup>6</sup>Benjamin Crane of Wethersfield married Mary Backus and had Jonathan, born December 1, 1658, who married Deborah Griswold. These had Joseph, born May 17, 1696, who married Mary, born December 15, 1695, daughter of Samuel and Edera Couch. These had eight children, the eldest of whom, Zebulon, born January 25, 1721, married Sarah, daughter of William<sup>2nd</sup> and Margaret (Arms) Belden. The children of Zebulon and Sarah (Belden) Crane were:

John, born 1742;  
 William, born 1744;  
 Zebulon, born 1746;  
 Elijah, born 1748;  
 Sarah, born July 12, 1750, Mrs. Ashael Noble;  
 Mary, born 1752, died young;  
 Belden, born 1754, died young;  
 Samuel, born 1757;





LINE OF AZOR BELDEN<sup>1st</sup>.

Azor<sup>1st</sup>, son of William<sup>2nd</sup> and Margaret (Arms) Belden, was born in Deerfield, Mass., and brought, in infancy, to Norwalk (Wilton parish) where he married<sup>1</sup> and had:

Azor<sup>2nd</sup> (Capt.) born 1749;<sup>2</sup>

A child, born December, 1752, died September following;

Abigail, born 1754, died unmarried December 6, 1806;

Eunice<sup>1st</sup>, scalded to death September 12, 1760;

Eunice<sup>2nd</sup>, Mrs. Zalmon Hull;<sup>3</sup>

Mary, Mrs. Justus Gray, married January 14, 1799;

David<sup>1st</sup> (Rev.), born July 16, 1764, Yale 1785;

Esther, born December 16, 1768, Mrs. Levi Taylor;<sup>4</sup>

Azor<sup>2nd</sup>, son of Azor and Mary Belden<sup>1st</sup>, married, first, Hannah Couch, born April 22, 1755, daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Couch) Smith, and had:

William (Rev.), born July 16, 1781, Yale 1803;

Charles (M. D.), born 1783, Princeton 1812, unmarried;

Anna,<sup>5</sup> born 1784;

Abigail, born May 26, 1759, Mrs. Paul Welch;

Stephen, born 1761;

Anna, born 1763;

Seth, born 1766.

Mrs. Asahel Noble was the mother of Ranson Noble, whose son Harmon lived so delightfully in Essex, northern New York. Mrs. Harmon Noble, a highly estimable lady, was the mother of Mrs. Charles B. Waite son of the late C. C. Waite, of the Brevoorte House, New York city. She was also the mother of Henry Harmon Noble, now of Albany, N. Y., and a whilom Norwalk school youth. This mother of Mrs. Waite and of her brother Henry H. Noble was Laura Ann, daughter of Peter and granddaughter of Paul Welch, who married Abigail, a younger daughter of Zebulon and Sarah (Belden) Crane.

<sup>1</sup>The maiden name of Mary, wife of Azor Belden<sup>1st</sup>, is not, with certainty, ascertained. She is thought to have been, possibly, a Fairfield (the town of Weston was formerly a part of Fairfield) Dimon. The matter has been a subject of study.

<sup>2</sup>Was an officer in the Revolutionary war.

<sup>3</sup>Zalmon and Eunice<sup>2nd</sup> (Belden) Hull had daughter Sarah, born June 20, 1783, who married John Austin Crocker, who had Susan Maria Crocker, born February 19, 1811, who married, October 27, 1841, Henry Osborn of Maumee City, Ohio, who was born in Ridgefield May 19, 1814. These had a son, Henry A. Osborn, born September 30, 1869.

The children of Zalmon and Eunice Hull were Theop, Harry, Hezekiah, Sarah and Lydia.

<sup>4</sup>Levi Taylor, born December 15, 1764, belonged to the old Taylor family of Saugatuck (Westport). This family owned, anciently, such a generous portion of the west side of the Saugatuck River in what is now Westport village, that the name was locally known as Taylor Town.

<sup>5</sup>This only daughter of Capt. Azor Belden married, first, Stephen, son of Samuel and Anne (Dunning) Olmstead. She married, second, Noah Olmstead, brother of the first husband. See note page 283. Mrs. Stephen and later, Mrs. Noah, Olmstead died January 12, 1834. Her second husband died October 6, 1842.

The child of Stephen and Anna (Belden) Olmstead was George, born 1806, died October 27, 1858. He married Sarah Ann Belden and had no children.

The children of Noah and Anna (Belden-Olmstead) Olmstead were:

Sarah Anne, born Nov. 27, 1807, Mrs. Ralph Thatcher;

Henrietta, see page 284;

Jane, see page 284, Mrs. Thaddeus B. Curtis;

Charles, died young;

Stephen, born June 30, 1817, see page 284;

Maria;

Frances, born July 6, 1821, see page 285;

Samuel Edwin, born March 25, 1824, see page 285;

Azor Belden, died 1849.

Thaddeus B. Curtis, who married, November 19, 1846, Jane Olmstead, was born at Stratford July 12, 1808, and died May 5, 1864. His wife died at Stratford February 1, 1871. Their children were:

Myra, born September 5, 1847;

Emma, born Feb. 18, 1851, died Sept. 27, 1876;

Louise.



John Edgar, born May 20, 1874 ;

Willie, born August 10, 1878, died young ;

Rachel Doddridge, born November 26, 1883.

Helen Belden, daughter of Edwin and Elizabeth (Belden) Crosby, married Edwin M. Butler of Croton Falls, N. Y., and had :

Howard Crosby, born March 7, 1870 ;

Stuart.

Amos and Elizabeth Belden are to this day well recalled in Norwalk.<sup>1</sup>

Frederick, son of Colonel William and Rebecca (Adams) Belden, married, first, October 7, 1844, Catharine, daughter of Samuel and Maria (Cholwell) Gruman, and had :

Edwin, died young ;

Samuel ;

Frederick, died in infancy.

Kathie, died young ;

Maria Louise, died young ;

Fredericka, Mrs. Renssalaer Bissell ;

Edwina, Mrs. David Hill ;

Elizabeth, Mrs. Charles Jeffrie, first, and second, Mrs. William K. Maples ;

Florence, died unmarried, 1871 ;

William, died unmarried ;

Henrietta, unmarried ;

Frederick Belden married, second, March 7, 1870, Sarah E., daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah (Lyon) Hill, and had :

Webster, born December 7, 1870, died July 6, 1895.

The Frederick Belden residence "on the green" supplanted the more ancient Gruman home, and was presided over by those to whom refinement and good breeding seemed a second nature. Mrs. Belden was gracefully dignified and of pleasing presence. Her good mother, Mrs. Gruman, who was for many years her daughter's care, was, like her near neighbor, Mrs. Senator Thaddeus Betts, a feeling friend. Those of Miss Susan Betts' school children who yet remain may recall how that good instructress was wont, during the noon recess on the green, to receive warm, appetizing viands, as a mid-day luncheon. She was unforgotten in the school's generous vicinity. As the Belden children approached maturity the bright home invited the young. The second Mrs. Belden has preserved its reputation.

<sup>1</sup>Mr. and Mrs. Col. Buckingham Lockwood and family were some of the Norwalk relatives who, although many miles separated their own and the home of their Amos Belden family kin, still kept up their Carmel intimacy. It was made a point when the sleighing was fine, to drive from Norwalk (via Ridgefield and North Salem) to Carmel. It was a day's journey, but oldtime hospitality was sure to

reward the trip's close. Warm greetings, blazing hearth fires, and the attendance of the Belden colored retinue service welcomed the guests. The home (see page 96) was beautifully situated. Amos Belden had charge of the Phillips estate and became largely interested in Dutchess county property. His wife (Elizabeth Isaacs) was social and an agreeable entertainer.



Lewis, born May 14, 1787, Princeton 1811;  
 Joseph, born December 23, 1790, was married;  
 Daniel, born November 4, 1793;  
 Benjamin (M. D.), born September 23, 1797, unmarried.

The first Mrs. Azor Belden<sup>2nd</sup> died March 27, 1801, and her husband married, second Hannah, born September 15, 1766, daughter of Timothy and Esther (Platt) Fitch, and granddaughter of Gov. Thomas Fitch (see page 209), and had :

George Fitch, born March 21, 1802, see pages 218, 221;  
 Platt, born February 19, 1804.

David<sup>1st</sup> (Rev.), son of Azor and Mary Belden<sup>1st</sup>, married, December 21, 1794, Martha, born April 28, 1774, daughter of Seth and Elizabeth (Mallory) Hull, of Redding, and had :

David Hull, born December 21, 1797;  
 Jane, born May 27, 1799, Mrs. Reuben Booth;  
 John Arms, born September 24, 1802;  
 Elizabeth S., born July 31, 1814, Mrs. Edgar S. Tweedy.

William (Rev.)<sup>1</sup>, son of Azor<sup>2nd</sup> and Hannah (Smith) Belden, married, February 5, 1807, Abigail Frances, born November 9, 1785, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Cass) Hatch, and had :

Nathaniel Hatch, born January 23, 1809;  
 William, born August 20, 1811;  
 Henry, born April 9, 1813;  
 Abigail Hatch, born June 19, 1817;  
 Mary Cass, born May 30, 1819;  
 Lucy Swift, born March 25, 1822.

Lewis, M. D., son of Azor<sup>2nd</sup> and Hannah (Smith) Belden, married, first, Rachel, daughter of Ebenezer and Huldah (Sherwood) Banks, and had :

Maria Louise, born November 8, 1818, unmarried;  
 Ebenezer Banks, born August 17, 1820, unmarried;  
 Eunice Banks, born February 12, 1826.

Lewis Belden, M. D., married, second, Anna Maria, daughter of Rev. John Frelinghuysen and Hannah (Horn) Jackson, and had :

Anna Jackson, born January 31, 1831, who married, November 11, 1856, James Wells

<sup>1</sup>Rev. William Belden, eldest son of Capt. Azor and Hannah C. (Smith) Belden, was graduated at Yale College in 1803 and, after being ordained to the ministry, settled in Greenfield, Conn., where he filled the pulpit of the village church and also established a boarding school. In this school many eminent men were fitted for college, among them President Woolsey and John C. Calhoun being probably the most distinguished. He removed to New York and was the originator of the "Public School Society," which afterwards became the "Board of Education." He was the Principal of one of the Public Schools for

nearly forty years, and during that period examined most of the applicants for the position of teacher. The Normal School, which has since become the Normal College, was also a product of his creation. His interest in the development of the school system which New York now enjoys was absorbing, and in order to devote himself to it he declined the Presidency of two Colleges. He was a man of great intellectual power and most extensive learning. He married Miss Abigail Frances Hatch of Kent, Conn., who bore him three sons and three daughters. His line is an extended one.





Randall, and had John Frelinghuysen Jackson Randall, born November 22, 1858, died July 14, 1865.

Daniel, son of Azor<sup>2nd</sup> and Hannah (Smith) Belden, married Sarah I., daughter of Frederick Curtis, and had :

Charles Azor, born January 15, 1828 ;

Frederick Curtis, born 1831 ;

Joseph J., born April 1, 1833 ;

Sarah Frances, born September, 1835 ;

Louisa A., born October 27, 1840.

George Fitch, son of Azor<sup>2nd</sup> and Hannah (Fitch) Belden, married, October 28, 1823, Nancy (born March 3, 1802) Hanford of Wilton, and had :

Henry H., born November 9, 1825 ;

Charlotte, born August 24, 1827 ;

George Fitch.

Platt, son of Azor<sup>2nd</sup> and Hannah (Fitch) Belden, married, September 4, 1829, Mary, sister of Rev. Horace Bushnell, D. D., and had :

Charlotte Elizabeth, born February 12, 1832 ;

Frederick, born 1834 ;

William, born April 1, 1837 ;

Horace, born October 4, 1840.

David Hull, son of Rev. David and Martha Belden, married, first, 1824, Cornelia Johnson of Newtown, and had :

Jane, born December 21, 1825, Mrs. Rev. Joshua D. Berry.

David Hull Belden married, second, Susan Johnson of Newtown and had ;

Cornelia J., born December 29, 1829 ;

Clarissa, born 1830, unmarried ;

David, born August 14, 1832 ;

John, born 1834.

David Hull Belden married, third, November, 1841, Ann, daughter of Samuel and Abby (Raymond) Clark, and had :

Mary Elizabeth, born February, 1845 ;

Frederick ;

Howard Raymond ;

Reuben Booth, born September 28, 1849.

David Hull Belden married, fourth, Sarah Peck of Canaan, Conn. No children.

John Arms, son of Rev. David and Martha (Hull) Belden, married, November 11, 1825, Betsey Caroline, daughter of Nathan and Molly (Burr) Marvin, and had :



Nathan Marvin<sup>1</sup>, born August 17, 1826;

Samuel Burr, born April 3, 1828;

John Arms, born June 25, 1830;

Charles, born June 16, 1833;

Frances Adelaide, born November 12, 1835, Mrs. Benjamin F. Bulkley;

<sup>1</sup>NATHAN MARVIN BELDEN.

Nathan Marvin Belden, son of John A. and Betsey C. Belden, was born in Wilton, Conn., August 17, 1826. He was the grandson paternally of the Rev. David Belden, and maternally of Nathan Marvin, of Wilton. He passed his boyhood in Wilton, and was noted among his companions for his physical activity as well as for his quick wit. After preparing in his native town he entered Trinity College at Hartford in 1844 and graduated in 1848 with high honors, being the Latin Salutatorian and second in his class, the late Bishop Paddock, of Massachusetts, being first. In 1850 he was called to the position of Greek tutor in Trinity College, which position he held for two years, and afterward engaged in teaching in Southport, Conn., and Orange, N. J. In July, 1856, he married Sarah Jane, daughter of Serenius S. Stocking, then residing in Orange with her uncle, the Rev. Sabura S. Stocking, with whom he was associated in St. Mark's Hall. In the fall of that year he became the first principal of the Free Academy at Andover, Mass., and in 1857 removed to White Plains, N. Y., where in company with his brother, Samuel B., he opened a select boarding school for boys, which was maintained for four years, with great success. Among the patrons of this school were numbered some of the most prominent families of the country. In 1862, owing to poor health, he temporarily relinquished his work as a teacher, and both he and his brother went back to their native town, where they purchased farms and engaged in agricultural pursuits for a number of years. To the end of his life Mr. Belden lived upon his farm, even when engaged in other pursuits.

In 1867, his health being restored, he resumed teaching, and was for two years principal of one of the public schools of Ansonia, Conn. From 1872 to 1874 he was in charge of the classical department in the Military Institute in Weston, Conn., and in 1875 and 1876 conducted the Trinity School in Southport, Conn. Returning to Wilton, he maintained for some years a private school in his own home, giving particular attention to the education of Spanish students, of whose language he was an accomplished master. His reputation as a linguist extended far beyond his native town. There was probably no man in the state whose mastery of languages, both ancient and modern, was more thorough or extensive. His favorite tongues, in which he was most thoroughly at home, were Greek, Latin, Spanish and French.

Mr. Belden, however, was a man whose rare clever-

ness was not confined to one department of knowledge. His mathematical abilities seemed to be equally signal, and for many years he exercised them in the profession of surveyor and civil engineer. He held the position of County Surveyor, and during the last twenty years of his life his services were in frequent demand. The painstaking accuracy which characterized his work in every other department was noticeable also in this.

In public affairs he took a warm interest, and his conscientiousness, honesty and good judgment were so fully recognized that he was chosen again and again to offices of public trust. For many years he held the office of First Selectman of Wilton, for six years he represented that town in the Legislature and for five years he was County Commissioner. He held many other positions of responsibility, and his integrity, combined with his intelligence and general familiarity with the law, made his services in constant demand in the settlement of estates and other trusts of a semi-legal character. In everything he performed his duties with a strict fidelity that extended to the minutest detail.

In religious matters he was no less prominent and faithful. Of Churchly descent-line, he was brought up in the Episcopal Church, and was always a devout, earnest, loyal member of that communion. For over thirty years he represented St. Matthew's Church, Wilton, in the Diocesan Convention, serving also as Senior Warden and Treasurer for twenty-three years, and acting as lay reader in the vacancies of rectorships and at other times. While his loyalty was given to his own Church, he was free from bigotry, and probably no man in the county was more deeply loved and respected by all classes. The widow and the fatherless found in him a sympathetic adviser and helper, and his parish the strongest lay pillar it ever had.

Personally, though naturally somewhat reserved, "He was genial and sociable among his friends, and a rare conversationalist. He always had some apt quotation from the classics, some appropriate anecdote, or some close comparison to make his meaning clear, or to clinch an argument." His unusual mental gifts appeared all the more attractive by virtue of the unobtrusive modesty which characterized his entire career. The retired life which he chose to lead so many years upon the Wilton farm could not hide his engaging personality or his singular gifts of mind and character from the community at large, and at his funeral the tributes of respect



Cecelia Augusta, born December 30, 1839, died young ;

Martha Jane, born March 29, 1843, Mrs. Dr. Levi Warren.<sup>1</sup>

Here ends the male line of the third generation of William and Margaret (Arms) Belden.

The town of Wilton is a rewardful field for Belden Genealogia, and the author has collected much data in this direction. The matter, however, of investigation in the William and Margaret Belden line more properly belongs to Wilton, and every effort put forth for its accomplishment is deserving of support.

In recognition of an important Norwalk and Stamford Webb constituency the story-thread of the early non home-lot proprietors is here briefly broken in order to text-introduce, in connection with the Webb family note which closed on page 389 and in consonance-tenor with the lineage preface, page 81, the submitted collected and contributed

#### WEBB GENEALOGY.

Gen. I. Sir Henry and Grace (Arden) Webb, 1533.

Gen. II. Alexander and Margaret (Arden) Webb.

Gen. III. Alexander Webb, Jr.

Gen. IV. Richard Webb<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk, 1650. (See page 149.)

In miscellaneous Genealogia et Heraldica, by Joseph Jackson Howard, LL. D., F. S. A., Vol. II., Third Series, page 156, is found thus:

"Henry Webbe of the city of London, Gentillman, is descendyd of a Hovse vnde-famed and ben one of ye Gentleman Vshers vnto the late Kyng of most famous memory, Henry ye Eight," etc. The wife of this Sir Henry Webb was Grace, sister of Robert Arden, of Warwickshire.

Alexander, the oldest son of Sir Henry and Grace Webb, married Margaret Arden, and had Robert, Margaret and Alexander Jr. This last son had a family of six children, the oldest of whom, Richard, born 1584, is said to have been the Norwalk Webb foreparent.

According to this pedigree Richard Webb<sup>1st</sup> was approaching three score years and ten when he cast his lot among the Norwalk pioneers. His age and child-unaccompaniment when he arrived in this town may account for the early disappearance of the family. Mrs. Webb (second wife, probably,) was Elizabeth, sister, it would seem, to settler John Gregory. To her was bequeathed the entire Webb property. Thomas Butler and wife Sarah, of Hartford, claimed, and apparently successfully so, Webb heirship, but the two eventually (May 16, 1671) relinquished all rights by virtue of "deeds, gifts or otherwise," and the estate fell to the widow, and finally to John Gregory. There was evidently no issue by the second mar-

and affection paid by all classes were eloquent witnesses of the influence of his true and noble life.

He died very suddenly, of apoplexy, the result of overwork, on Sunday, July 28, 1895, while preparing, as usual, to attend the services of the Church, and was buried in St. Matthew's Churchyard, Wilton. His widow and two sons survive him also his venerable mother, at the age of ninety-two, as well as two sisters and a brother.

<sup>1</sup>This thorough Belden and true woman has taken an intelligent and indefatigable interest in the work of collecting Belden data. During the closing years of her honored mother's life she with daughterly devotion ministered faithfully to her aged parent, and still made time to gather valuable family facts. The large Belden household is her debtor. The home of Mrs. Dr. Warren is in the neighborhood of the "Rock House Woods" of early Norwalk story.





riage, and only one child, it is conjectured, by the former union, viz, Richard Webb, Jr., of Stamford in 1651.

Granting the preceding generation table to be correct there is opened an inviting Old and New World Webb, Arden and Shakespeare family investigation.

There were at least two well known branches of the Arden family in England. It has been broached that the Arden-Webb branch may be of Norman invasion date, and that William the Conqueror may have been an ARDEN FOREST<sup>1</sup> patron. The right of Mary Arden, of Mrs. Sir Henry Webb blood, to vital connection with the principal Arden limb of that day was maintained, in 1699, by such British authorities as Sir William Dethick and Camden.<sup>2</sup> Said Mary having been the wife of John Shakespeare and mother of William Shakespeare, the Stratford on Avon poet, it would follow (note, pages 387-389) that Richard Webb<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk was kin to the master of the English tongue, "on whose forehead climb the crowns of the world."

Another connection of Richard Webb<sup>1st</sup> of Norwalk is of interesting mention. Lucy Webb, of Sir Henry Webb consanguinity, married, first, Hon. Jno. Robinson, and second, William Laude, Archbishop of Canterbury, who was executed at Tower Hill in January, 1645.

Richard Webb, Jr., born January 9, 1611, settled in Stamford. His children are thus reported:

William, born May 10, 1632, settled in Weymouth, Mass.;  
 Joshua, born March 15, 1634;  
 Joseph, born March 30, 1636;  
 Richard, born April 14, 1638;  
 John, born April 12, 1640;  
 Sarah, born October 16, 1653;  
 A child, born October 5, 1655, died January 1, 1656;  
 Samuel, born March 30, 1662;  
 Caleb, born March 20, 1664;  
 Jonathan, born April 12, 1675.

Richard Webb, Jr., died March 15, 1675-6.

Jonathan, son of Richard, Jr., and Margery Webb, married Judith Chamberlain and had Richard, born January 12, 1722, who married Abigail Hoyt and had Silvanus, born October 5, 1745, who married Mary Wood and had Silas, born July 31, 1784, who married Mindwell Hoyt and had Silas, Jr., born November 9, 1815, who married Rachel Sherman and had George Francis (Dr. G. F. Webb of Cleveland, Ohio), born August 20, 1851, who married Nancy Allen Hill and had, Leroy Arthur, Pearl Edith and Faith Eva. Dr. George F. Webb of Cleveland, Ohio, has distinguished himself as a Webb genealogist.

Silas Webb, the son of Silvanus and Mary (Wood) Webb, had eleven children. Matilda,

<sup>1</sup>It is stated that young Wm. Shakespeare frequented the forests of Arden and therefrom drew some of the pictures which his genius so wonderfully portrayed. The wood lay but a short distance from Stratford-on-Avon.

<sup>2</sup>It is strict truth to say that Dethick and Camden supported this claim because of the strong presumptive evidence in its favor, not because of positive proof. The argument, however, in defense of the claim is not easily challenged.



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